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## Senior judges Major

#### Anthony Bevins and Patricia Wynn Davies

A furious, behind-the-scenes row has broken out between some of Britain's senior judges and the Government over the "political" appointment of the

Michael Howard, the Home Michael rioward, the rooms said to have been an unspoken said to have been an unspoken truge of the Conservative conference in Bournemouth yesterday that there is no love lost between himself and the judges
- who have repeatedly ruled against him on issues of judicial

But The Independent has been told that after Lord Thylor of Gosforth, Lord Bingham's predecessor, announced his de-

for their view on the succession. In a canvass of 17 of the Lord Justices who sit in the Court of Appeal, 14 opted for Sir. enced criminal judge, and two man for Lord Woolf, who took over Singham was promoted. One

That clear-cut majority verdict was then passed back to Lord Mackay.

But, according to senior juor subsequently met the Prime Minister, he was shocked to learn that Sir Thomas Bingham had been appointed - and that John Major said he had never been told of the views of the Lords Justice

But the judges are stunned tended a right-wing Conserva-and shocked, and the decision tive Way Forward fringe to override their views—having meeting in Bournemouth yes-asked for a canvass of views to: terday, he was asked whether But the judges are stunned and shocked, and the decision be taken - has created such a row that the Lord Chancellor has been forced to enter into acrimonious correspondence,

in defence of his position.

The appointment of the Lord Chief Justice is technically made by the Queen on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, but after consulta-

The appointment of Lord Bingham and Lord Woolf to the two top jobs in the professional judiciary in England and Wales were highly sensitive politically because of the judges' attacks on the Government's sentence ing plans and attacks from Conservative MPs on judicial review decisions in the courts. There is understanding that Mr Major would not seek to contradict Lord Mackay's advice.

Lord Mackay is said to be lieve that in Bingham and Lord Woolf, who is seeking to reform the civil law system, he has found the perfect reformist team that is prepared to challenge traditional orthodoxies and practices. Part of the cision to retire on grounds of illhealth in May, the Lord that Lord Englism will back the
Chancellor, Lord Mackay of
Clashfern, asked senior judges in the Crown Courts to lawyers
for their view on the properties. Fart of the coupleyed by the Crown Proc ecution Service, a development to which Lord Taylor was strongly opposed and would have veroed.

But suggestions that Lord Bingham might give ministers less trouble than Lord Taylor are misplaced. He has strongly defended the judges' development of judicial review of official action, and was one of the first udges to call for incorporation of the European Convention of Human Rights into British law. In his first press conference last Friday he showed himself clearly

range of law and order issues. The antipathy to the judges is so commonplace in the Tory ranks that when Mr Howard at-

The Home Secretary said: "I think that would be a solution too far. I am not in favour of the election of judges; I don't think that's a precedent we should follow. No, I think we just have to

Judges' in profile, page 2



### Buried 50ft down in sodden red clay, Swampy plots Britain's biggest fight yet with the car

In a dark underground network of tunnels, Britain's most de termined road protesters brace themselves for what could be

at odds with Mr Howard on a bulldozers move in to start. work on the proposed Exeter-

Honiton road scheme in Devon. they should not be elected to the bench, as in the United States.

the biggest and most vicious roads battle to date. There are 20 like Swampy, 23, prepared to live almost permanently underground at Aller-combe in readiness for when the

They and more than 100 other protesters have spent two: years digging in to thwart the £65m road improvements, developing protest techniques which have earned the site the title "the university of action".
But at Exeter Crown Court day, a district judge granted the Highways Agency, the construction consortium Connect and the engineering firm Ballion Beatty an order for pos-

near Exercity with the state of the state of the state of the state of two other two other nearby protest sites at Trollheim and Fairmile.

Then battle will commence. The protesters, up to 150 already in attendance with more expected, are adamant they will not go quietly.
The most determined have

constructed tunnels up to 50ft deep, some barely big enough to squeeze through, others leading to a cluster of living chambers, lit by candles and torches. They believe they could last days, maybe even weeks, under the soggy red Devon clay. They have significant stocks of food and, for luxury, a mattress for

Swampy's reasons are clear. "We are living in a car culture and I don't believe that building a new road will help that," he said. "Without this protest I don't think people would be session of land at Allercombe.

through the country." When the moment comes, he

intends to attach himself to a defensive device dubbed a "lockon". This is a giant concrete block with a tube into which he will plunge and lodge his arm.

He will attach

himself to a concrete block with a tube in which he will lodge his arm

No contractor will be able to come near, he believes, because of the gas canister embedded in it. "If they hit it with machinery, the lock-on will explode,"

A construction source said the potential for trouble in De-von was significant. "They're training people for building de-

Michael Portillo, the current

defence secretary, has ordered

an investigation into Sergeant

Worthington's claims. If they are

upheld. Mr King is likely to be

that they are building a fences and road protests from security which is one of the rea-saper-highway all the way around the country. Their desons why the legal observers role around the country. Their defences are extraordinary. Newbury was heavy, but I think Honiton will be worse."

Fears have been compounded by growing claims that the vetting procedures for road protest security staff are too lax. guard blackballed for allegedly pulling a knife on a protester at the Batheaston, Avon, protest was yesterday reported to be in a management position on another site.

Roger Higman, senior transport campaigner for Friends of the Earth, said they have been training legal observers to help defuse any trouble at Honiton. There's no doubt that the protesters are getting more professional, more experienced and it's getting more difficult for

them," he said. "We had a number of reports during Newbury of problems with screening procedures for

personal experience of it, be-cause both he and his wife had

both felt very ill after sheep-dipping." Mr King has already

taken up the cause of the 600

plus farmers afflicted by the

Purdey, a Taunton-based or-

game farmer, has investigated the use of OPs in farming and

believes that they are the cause

of debilitating nervous disorders

in farmers and could be linked

Mr King has written to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fish-eries and Food, asking their sci-entists to look into Mr Purdey's

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findings.

One of his constituents, Mark

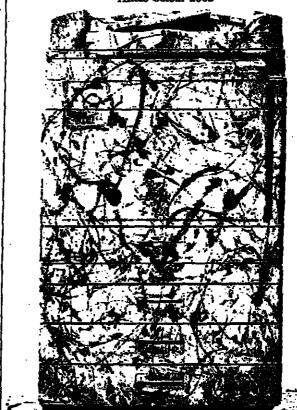
side-effects of OPs.

sons why the legal observers role is so important. You cannot rely on the Government-appointed security forces. They are not properly trained.

Mr Higman added: "This is another scheme that dates back to the early 1990s when the Government had plans to build all over Britain. It should be



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### Tom King victim of Gulf-type pesticide

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John Major because he has by- Privileges - he is a parliamen-

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SALE PARTIES

Tom King, the defence secretary during the Gulf War, was himself a victim of pesticides which were last week linked to Gulf war syndrome. He has spoken to ministers about the possible harmful effects of organophosphate (OP) chemicals after he and his wife were unwell after using them on their sheep farm in the late 1980s.

Last week it emerged that the same chemicals had been used in the Gulf war in 1991 by British troops despite the fact that they had not been issued with protective clothing.

#### QUICKLY

IRA claim responsibility The IRA last night claimed responsibility for the car bombs that exploded inside the Army headquarters at Lisburn, Co Antrim, on Monday. Page 2

#### Money laundering

Caribbean and US anti-drugs agents believe an influx of Russin visitors to Antigua were orised crime envoys, setting up with Colombian and Italian afias who ship drugs through eastern Caribbean to North America and Europe. Page 11 The Independent has dis-covered that Ministry of De-fence officials, who ordered the use of the pesticides as protection against mosquitoes in the Gulf, failed to heed a warning made in 1987 by the government's Health and Safety. Executive (HSE) detailing the

dangers of the OPs. Mr King, who oversaw 50,000 Buitish troops serving in the Gulf, would have been able to warn his civil servants from personal experience. Yesterday, he said the revelation that British troops had been using OPs without protective clothing had come "as news to me".

He said: "I had no knowl-

**Anthony Bevins** Political Editor

the spot last might after Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown

called for a Tribunal of In-

edge that anti-pesticide work since become ill, complaining of was being carried out in that way, and I am very concerned and pain. Restricted documents and interested to know the resuits of the investigations that are now taking place. The HSE warning states

that OPs can cause nausea, giddiness, hallucinations and even death by respiratory fail-ure. It advises: Those at risk range from laboratory workers. undertaking research on OP pesticides to ambulance workers who may come into contact with injured operators or their contaminated clothing."

Blair and Ashdown demand

inquiry into Hamilton case

passed Parliament in asking Sir

investigate allegations against

Neil Hamilton, the former

Conservative Minister.

The Prime Minister was put on Gordon Downey, Parliamentary the spot last night after Tony Commissioner for Standards, to

Worthington, the environmental health adviser to 4 Armoured Brigade in the Gulf, have revealed how troops had no protection against the sideeffects of the pesticides.

They state: "At no time was personal protective equipment issued to personnel applying insecticides. Furthermore the NBC (nuclear, biological, chemical) cell ordered that on no account were NBC suits, in-Since the use of the pesticides cluding ancillary equipment, to in the Gulf, 750 British troops be utilised for insecticidal spray-involved in the conflict have ing, since this would undoubt-

tary commissioner, and does not

operate at the Prime Minister's

instigation. The fact that the

Leader of the Opposition and Mr Ashdown have now disput-

ed the Prime Minister's re-

dismayed. He has said that he experienced the side-effects of OPs himself while helping out on his wife Jane's farm at Chippenham, Wiltshire. Elizabeth Sigmund, co-ordinator of the OP information network, said Mr King attend-

ed a talk she gave on OPs at the House of Commons in 1991. "Afterwards he came up and said he would help us in any way he could. He said he had had

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ting in public, to investigate the ... In normal circumstances, Sir quest parts Sir Gordon in a Hamilton cash-for-questions. Gordon operates in co-operal difficult position.

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### Crashed RAF jet damaged by repairs

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

The RAF iet which crashed last month into the sea within yards of holidaymakers on Blackpool beach had just been repaired after suffering damage under a controversial Ministry of Defence programme of contract- damaged during the repair.

ing out maintenance work. The £25m jet was on its first British Aerospace to repair the original work which damaged 16

work was carried out by a Dorset firm. Airwork Service, which has subsequently been taken over by Short Brothers and was suspended in 1993 after a technician discovered that the planes had been severely

The RAF Board of Inquiry is investigating the cause of the flight after a second refit by crash 10 days ago and the MoD yesterday stressed that there has been no suggestion so far that

of the planes at an estimated it was connected to the previ-cost of £100m. The original ous problems.

Serious damage was caused by Airwork to the airframe and fuselage of the 16 Tornados including fastening holes that had been wrongly drilled or distorted, surfaces damaged and measures to repair cracks not

RAF inspectors later concluded that the damage was so severe that the entire middle section of the planes had to be

A report by the Commons Defence Committee last November was highly critical of the MoD for its failure to spot the descutting BAe which is now mistakes until most of the Airrepairing the damage. The MPs also questioned work programme had been carried out. The MPs were also astonished that some of Airthe MoD's policy of contracting

work's bill had been paid before being carried out. The comthe quality of the work had been mittee also found that while the checked. An MoD spokesman MoD claimed £157m savings, last night that legal action by the ministry was still being pursued the real figure was £57m The refit programme by BAe against Airwork's then parent company, Bricom, which is itis halfway through and eight of the jets are now back in service.

Ironically, Airwork had origithe two-man crew ejected nally won the contract by un- safely, was the latest in a series of accidents that have increased concerns about the aircraft's -safety. It was the fifth Tornado

out services and the way it was after taking off from their base at RAF Coningsby, Lincoinshire, in January, another crashed the following day and a fourth crashed in Germany in

fighter to be lost this year. Two were destroyed in a midair collision at 14,000ft, franctes

#### significant shorts

#### Warning to prison governors

Richard Tilt, the director general of the Prison Service. esterday gave a private varning to prison governors that the jail population will reach 68,000 by the end of the century.

The drastically revised figures were described last night by governors as "astounding". Some warned that they would not be able to cope with the increased numbers. The prison population is already at the record level of 57,000 and portable units are being introduced to cope with the extra inmates.

The revelation coincided with a robust law-and-order speech by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to the Tory party conference yesterday. Ian Burrell Conference, pages 6 and 7

#### Britain is accused of the Street callousness

The government was accused of a "heartless" disregard for the poor and the elderly by the European Commissioner in charge of social affairs at a meeting of Euro MPs in

Brussels yesterday. Padraig Flynn, of Ireland, Government's interference in spending plans for the less well-off, saying he was launching a "call to arms" to defend European Union spending programmes. Last month he lost the first round of a European court fight over handing out £12m in EU cash to deprived groups after Britain complained that they had not been approved

### Rag-trade raids yield £2m of fakes

by EU governments.

Clothing with fake designer labels worth more than £2m is believed to be the biggest ever haul in this country.

standards officers from Havering Council raided homes and warehouses across Essex and east London in an attempt to smash the counterfeit clothing ring worth tens of thousands of pounds a month. Five men were arrested and were taken to Romford police station in

#### Airport drugs cash charge

A man appeared in court resterday accused of having £300,000 cash representing the proceeds of drugs trafficking last Sunday at Heathrow airport. John Blanchardstown, Dublin, remanded in custody at Uxbridge magistrates' court, west London, until 16 October.

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#### Demand for action on hedgerows

demand that the Government brings in new regulations to protect the hedgerows of England and Wales, seven years after they were first promised.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England is sending the Department of the Environment 69 recent examples of where farmers and landowners have destroyed hedgerows.

The latest government figures for 1990-1993 show 10,000 miles of hedgerow being lost each year. The new rules would compel landowners to notify the local -council several weeks before removing a hedge. The council would then have time to decide whether the hedge met criteria for being "important". Nicholas Scho

#### **EastEnders** triumphs over

EastEnders triumphed in the battle of the soaps last night at the Royal Albert Hall in London when it was named Best Serial Drama in the National Television Awards voted by viewers. The BBC soap beat last year's winner Coronation Street, ITV's flagship soap and still the biggest ratings puller, in the huge 250,000 poll of viewers nationwide.

Trevor McDonald hosted the awards and also picked up the prize for Best Newscaster. Michael Barrymore, the big story at last year's awards when he confirmed to an audience of 12.5 million that he was gay. defied reports of falling ratings to win again this year as Best Entertainment Presenter. ITV's The Bill was Best Drama, and, for the second year in a row, Top of the Pops scooped the Young People's Show award,

#### Sun says video of Princess was a noax

The video that was claimed to be of Diana, Princess of Wales, and James Hewitt frolicking at the Wales's home Highgrove was "one of the most elaborate hoaxes of the decade" the Sun newspaper said last

#### Correction

A report published in The Independent yesterday suggested that Mohamme al Fayed claimed to have given Jonathan Aitken hospitality at the Ritz Hotel in Paris. This was incorrect. The controversy arising out of Mr Aitken's stay at the Ritz in 1993 has not involved any claim that he received hospitality from Mr Fayed. We apologise for any embarrassment caused by this error.

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### Two judges at centre of a dispute with ministers are profiled by Patricia Wynn Davies

### Genial with a popular touch

Christopher Rose, 59, was a popular choice to take over England's most senior judicial office. He had strong backing from High Court Queen's Bench division judges and the criminal Bar from the moment Lord Taylor's retirement was an-

It is not difficult to see why. Of a relatively small number of judges who had been in the Court of Appeal long enough to be candidates for the top job, he had obvious credentials - extensive criminal justice experience and chairman of the Criminal Justice Consultative Committee. Many barristers and judges thought the appointment would be the logical step.
Like Lord Taylor, he hails

from the North and had been

There is no doubt that Sir to a grammar school, followed by Leeds and Oxford Universities and the Northern Circuit. He was also a strenuous defender of the independence of the judiciary could be confrontational when the occasion demanded. When Michael Howard's sentencing White Paper was announced, he was one of the most outspoken critics.

His glowing reputation was dented, however, by what some saw as a touch of complacency at the Bar Council's recent annual conference, during a discussion on whether the Bar was a hostile environment to women. On the contrary, he replied, there were one or two examples. where women had been apwould not have been.





### Man of contrasts shuns the limelight

THE INDEPENDENT ABROAD

The appointment of Lord Bing-Rose. He caused resentment at the Bar in 1991 when as came as a surprise to many barristers and judges because they had never viewed him as a natural candidate. Most of his legal career had been spent in civil work, they said. A lifetime in the criminal

courts is not, however, the sole or even a necessary qualification. In fact, the job involves a lot more than hearing criminal appeals. As one of the country's best brains, he was viewed by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, as easily clever enough to handle any eventuality. Observers are hard-pressed to think of when he has put a foot seriously wrong, but he is viewed as not quite so "clubbable" as his predecessor Lord Taylor or indeed Lord Justice

Court of Appeal judge he suggested solicitors should appear in the higher courts thus breek ing the barristers' monopoly A man of contrasts, prefers to shun the limeligh was one of the first judge: agree to media interviews. first news conference last day he revealed strong opp tion to Michael Howar

sentencing plans, though in blunt language than Lord I lor had used. He also reveal that he did not see eye to ( with Mr Howard on a num of other controversial topi such as the abolition of t mandatory life sentence murder and the Home Seco tary's power to set "tariffs" a decide on release.



Faces of violence: Members of the Continuity Army Council which originally claimed responsibility for the bombings

### IRA take blame for Lisburn blast

**DAVID McKITTRICK** 

The IRA last night admitted rebomb attack on the Army headquarters in Lisburn, Co Antrim. A telephone caller using a recognised codeword told the Dublin newsroom at RTE, the Irish Republic's broadcasting network, that two 800lb bombs had been planted and detonated at the army complex on Monday night by IRA volun-

The IRA statement claiming the attack said the target had been personnel connected with the barracks and said injuries to any civilians were regretted. The admission came as the security services set up a high-

level police and army inquiry to establish exactly how republicans breached security to garded as one of Northern Ire-

as confirmation that the IRA has

concluded substantive negotiations are not on offer from the Major government. The theory smuggle two large car bombs is that the republicans believe peace process will have to await the British general election. Earlier vesterday a Dublin ra-

dio station received a tele-

who said that organisation car-

half a dozen bumbings in the

last few years, but although

one of its bombs caused serious

damage to a Fermanagh hotel

in July most of its operations

have ended in failure. Even be-

The Continuity Army Coun-

ried out the attack.

land's most secure locations. Eight people were seriously injured in the attack, one man critically. He suffered a fractured skull, burns to at least half his body and other injuries. Two men and a woman were vesterday described as seriously ill while the condition of four others was given as stable.

yesterday appealed to loyalist Confirmation of the IRA's claim of responsibility for the at-

Political and clerical figures

groups not to retaliate. tack was last night being taken Talking back: Gerry Adams denied the LRA was seeking to provoke a backlash

er, the general view in security force circles was that only the IRA was capable of carrying out Monday's attack.

retary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, cut short his visit to a Northern Ireland investment conference in Pittsburgh to return to Belfast for emergency talks with RUC Chief Constable Sir Hugh An-nesley and the Army GOC, Lt-Col Rupert Smith. He admitted there had been a serious secupurporting to represent the "Continuity Army Council" rity breach but said there were cil has been responsible for no plans to bring in more troops

The president of Sinn Fein, Gerry Adams, refused to speculate on who had carried out the attacks. This stance is in marked contrast to Sinn Fein's response to the Fermanagh hotel bombing, when the party quickly de-

nied IRA involvement. Declaring that he was ready for talks with the British gov-ernment, Unionists and others, he added: "There has been a protracted political vacuum here. If we don't fill that vacuum with real talks then it will be filled with the sort of serious incidents we saw vesterday.

Denying that republicans were trying to spark off a loval-ist backlash, Mr Adams said: Provoking loyalists means the wholesale slaughter of Catholics. It means the killing of members of our party or family members of our activists. I don't think anyone would want

to provoke that type of action." David Ervine of the Progressive Unionist party, which has links with loyalist paramilitaries, appealed to the extreme Protestant groups not to be

# but caim routine

DAVID McKITTRICK

On Monday evening, staff at Belfast's Royal Victoria Hospital reacted in a calm, ordery and methodical way when the ambulances brought in the iniured from army headquarters. They know the drill, baving coped with the human fall-out from the troubles for so many

Dr Lawrence Rocke, consultant in accident and emer-gency medicine, started work at the hospital in 1971, just as the large-scale killing was beginning in earnest. Over the years he has become accustomed to the sound of ambulances arriving carrying the dead, the dying and

the grievously injured. After one bombing, the ambulances delivered to his department five young women, all in their late teens or early twenties and all of whom had lost at least one limb. That was 24 years ago: he says he will never forget it. One who died, was a radiographer whose father was a senior doctor at the hospital.

Another, who survived, lost both legs, an arm and an eye. Yesterday, Dr Rocke de-scribed in clinical language the latest human cost of the trou-

for the doctors bles, the conditions of those

> most badly hurt by the Lisburn "One gentleman has a blast lung injury from being in the vicinity of an explosion," he said. "He has required ventilation

> overnight. "One patient had a fracture of the thigh and shrapnel injuries to the abdomen. Another patient has had a shrapnel injury to the head, and the fourth patient has had very se-vere shrapnel injuries to body and limbs, a head injury and

The Lisburn bombing will fade from the public memory as the months go by: in a few years, it will be just one more incident among a host of shootings, violent incidents which have killed 3,500 people and left tens of thousands injured.

But for some of those caught up in the blasts, the scars - psy-chological and physical - will never fully heal, in spite of all the expertise and care of the staff at the Royal Victoria and other hospitals. The Lisburn bombs have thus added a few more victims to the apparently unending litany of those who have suffered ruined bodies

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The BBC has paid compensa-tion to an author who claimed the Corporation had plagiarised his book in an episode of the successful drama series Between the Lines. Lawyers for the BBC filed no court defence after being issued with a writ by Tony Collins, whose book, *Open Verdict*; chronicled 25 mysterious deaths among scientists in the defence research industry.

Mr Collins, who is understood to have received five-figure costs and damages, sent a dramatisation of his book to the BBC's head of drama in 1992. He says he received no reply but was astonished, two years later, when a Between the Lines episode, starring Neil Pearson



Tony Collins: efforts to prove plagiarism paid off :

and entitled The Lone Soldier. appeared with remarkable simdilarities to his work.

"I kept getting phone calls from friends and family who had seen it and wanted to congratulate me on getting it on tele-vision," he said, "I had to tell them I hadn't been involved."

Mr Collins, 41, executive editor of Computer Weekly, broke the story of the mysterious deaths of six Marconi scientists in 1987. After the story spread through the media, he went on to list a further 19 strange deaths and "spicides".

The BBC programme was a fictional account of the same subject but, in an early rejection of his claim, the Corporation pointed out that the deaths had been extensively covered and were in the public domain. However, Mr Collins submitted



Runaway bishop

tail to his solicitors, Mishcon de Reya, who issued a writ alleging breach of copyright.
The BBC settled without de-

fending the action and pro-mised to credit Mr Collins in repeats and sales of the series abroad. The series was produced in association with World Productions Ltd, which was not involved in the litigation.

Among the similarities, Mr.

Collins's book opened with the strange death of a Pakistani computer engineer - as did the programme. He showed how there was, unusually, a second post-mortem examination which found a puncture on the engia hypodermic syringe - so did the programme. The book showed that the families of the dead men rejected official claims that they had been depressed and that many of them were about to leave their posts - so creating a potential security risk for the state if they left with knowledge of certain electronic guidance systems as did the programme.

Some of the families asked the author to investigate the deaths. But despite amassing evidence of the involvement of MI5 and of a number of serious discrepancies in the official version about how many men had died, Mr Collins thought there was not enough evidence to prove involvement by the state. In the programme, the families asked a journalist to investigate - who reached the same con-

clusions as Mr Collins. A former employee at GCHQ, the Government's eavesdropping station, had told Mr Collins that when he and other scientists left sensitive posts, they signed declarations that effectively said that they no longer knew what they had learned during their employment. Mr Collins wrote: "But what if he was not prepared to erase from his mind what he knew? What if he wanted to leave Britain for a country which was beyond the scope of

the Official Secrets Act? In the programme a defence company employee says: "If I want to leave, I have to sign a form saying I no longer know the things that I know. Can you believe that? How can you

delete your own thoughts?" Mr Collins said, of his complaint, that he was delighted with the outcome. "More than anything my agent, Toby Eady, said I had to persevere to pre-vent the BBC doing this to oth-er authors," he said.

Asked whether the BBC accepted that Mr Collins's book had been plagiarised, a BBC spokesperson said: "You can draw your own conclusions from the fact that we settled."



Beauty of the beast: Yellow mud turtle photographed by Wendy Shattil and Bob Rozinski of the US, highly commended in 1996 British Gas Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition, which attracted 16,000 entries Photograph: British Gas Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition organised by BBC Wildlife Magazine and Natural History Museum, London

### Lingua Latina est bona, o infantes\*

**DOUL HTIQUE** Education Editor

Echinus cantat (the hedgehog sings), *balaena natat* (the whale swims), vacca super lunam saltai (the cow jumps over the moon)

and seven-year-olds learn Latin. Yesterday eight-year-olds from St Albans Primary School, Harlow, who have been studying Latin for a year, were put through their classical paces for a conference of language experts in London. In a demonstration lesson,

Jean Cross, their teacher, gave them an envelope full of Latin match to pictures to tell the story of the little whale who lost her mother.

"Can anyone tell me why balaena parva lacrimat?" asked Miss Cross.

"She's crying because she's lost her mother," said someone. "Does it say she's lost her mother?" asked Miss Cross. "It says she can't see her mother."

"What word do you know in English that has some of the word videt in it?" asked Miss Cross. "Video." "And what does

video mean?' The children introduced themselves one by one. "Alice sum, Naomi sum ..." Everyone in turn said: "In Harlow habito." Then they had to use an ad-

iective about themselves. "Parva sum," said one of the boys. Why is that not quite right? \*Translated, that means Latin is good for you, kids



Early learning: Children from St Albans Primary School being put through their paces

Miss Cross asked. "Because you have to be a girl to call yourself parva." said a girl.
Thomas Beckett, one of the

group, said Latin was his

favourite lesson. "You don't it's fun when Miss Cross comes have to write a lot. You can draw

"Sometimes it's difficult but ry school in Cornwall, teaches

in. We play games and things." a picture and write a bit under it." Naomi Rosse added Naomi Rowe added: come deputy head of a prima-

mainly through games and sto-ries. "Latin helps them not to be daunted by long words and to be brave about words they

plained. Moreen Healy, the head of St Albans, said children of all abilities had responded to

the Latin lessons with delight. "It has a great spin-off in their English. Some of the children who were really struggling with English have had their interest aroused. The problem is re-

Latin at St Albans has stopped since Miss Cross's de-

The conference, organised by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, is discussing whether primary-school children should learn modern languages. Lobbyists for Latin argue that early knowledge of the language provides a foun-dation for many other languages and improves children's grasp of English grammar and

vocabulary.

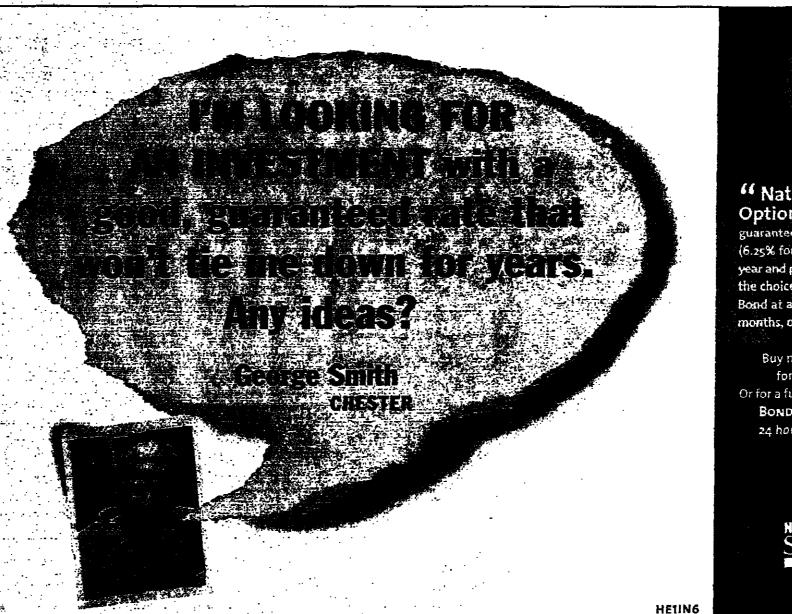
Latin has been declining in schools for more than 30 years. This year there were 12,174 candidates for Latin GCSE, compared to more than 41,000 in 1970. Around 85 per cent of candidates at both GCSE and A-level are in independent

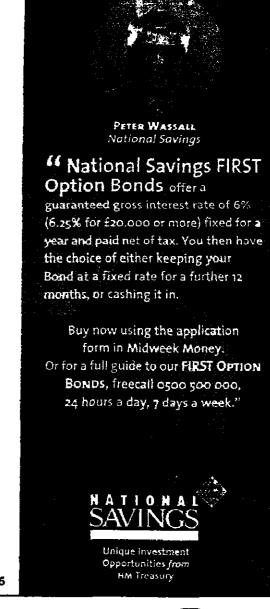
Classicists argue that the decline began in 1960, when Oxbridge dropped Latin as a requirement for all entrants. Other universities also abandoned it as a requirement for those wanting to read English or modern languages.

The national curriculum, introduced in 1988, did not make Latin compulsory.

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Beef crisis: Protesters dismiss the Government's latest offer of £25.5m to beef and dairy farmers as "too little, too late"

### Farmers get mad with Hogg FARM in BSE protest

STEPHEN GOODWIN

Angry farmers yesterday laid siege to the Conservative Party conference, demanding the head of Douglas Hogg over his handling of the BSE crisis and warning of a cull of shire Tory MPs at the general election.

The Minister for Agricul-ture's promise of another £25.5m to aid beef and dairy farmers won him a lukewarm ovation from the party faithful inside the hall, but was dismissed as "too little, too late" by the 1.000 or so farmers blocking the road outside.

Demands for Mr Hogg to come and face the farmers went unheeded. Instead, a delegation accompanied by Sir David Naish. President of the National Farmers Union, spent an hour-and-a-quarter with John Major discussing the crisis.

The Prime Minister said after the "shirtsleeves meeting" that he sympathised with the furmers' position. "They are concerned about their future. their farms and their animals. What I want to do is to try to understand the problems that exist and deal with them.

farmers. This will probably be a headage payment to offset the 25 per cent drop in beef prices since 20 March when the Government admitted a possible link between "mad cow disease" and its human equivalent, Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.

Beef farmers, who made up most of vesterday's protesters, feel they have been left to swing in the wind while most of the £2.5bn of BSE crisis support has gone to the dairy sector. An earlier modest headage payment expired in June.

Mr Hogg said a further £16.6m will be spent on speeding up the slaughter of older cattle under the Over Thirty Months Scheme. The money will go on hiring cold storage for carcasses awaiting destruction.

Ministers claim the move will double the throughput at slaughterhouses from the current 23,000 a week to 50,000, but farmers questioned whether hiring refrigerated lorries - the likely option - will make much impact on a backlog of 400,000

Mr Hogg announced £29m in subsidy, Mr Hogg said EU agrisupport for the income of beef farmers. This will probably be at measures to help farmers this short of what I judge to be necessary for our industry, then I can assure you I shall be pre-pared to look for additional national support as circumstances may warrant," he said.

Farmers' leaders gave them a qualified welcome. Ewen Cameron, President of the Country Landowners' Association said the priority was to a get a tighter grip on the 30-month cull and to secure European aid for beef producers "who are staring into a black hole".

Farmers had come from most parts of Britain to demonstrate, with a strong contingent from the South-west. A convoy of 14 tractors was stopped by police at Blandford Forum, about 10 miles from Bournemouth, and the protesters were bussed in by the police. Brandishing banners proclaiming, "You bastards have slaughtered our economy". "Flog Hogg", and "Hogg should have his brain tissue analysed", they rattled the steel barriers and chanted, but the demon-In a strong hint of yet more stration was non-violent.

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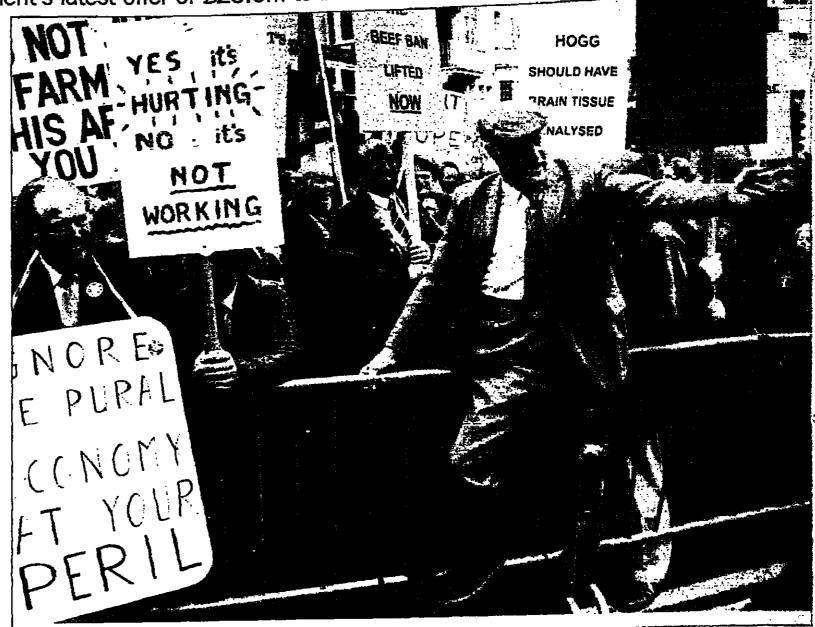
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tor of the fertility unit at St Mary's Hospital in Manchester, points out that the national live birth rate from a woman who has two embryos replaced after IVF is 20.6 per cent com-

Leaving the herd behind to express a shared fury A despairing

STEPHEN GOODWIN Will Forrester boarded a bus in Telford at 3.30am to travel to the

farmers' demonstration at the Tory conference. Not much, resorting to bribery apart from helping a calf into the world, would normally get him up in the middle of the night. And like most of the 50 Shropshire farmers on the coach, voluble public protest is not in his character.

Mr Forrester, 33, farms 220 acres near Whitchurch. Acquired by his father, a former farm labourer, it is a family concern employing one man and concentrating on beef and

"March 20 was a big shock to us all," he said yesterday, recalling the impact of the ministerial statement which spawned the crisis. "We didn't quite know what was happening. Every time these BSE scare stories had come along in the past there had been a drop in the beef price but it was temporary. This time it was hard to see how it would recover." It

hasn't. Mr Forrester usually has about 200 cattle on the farm at one time - a small herd of 25 suckler cows, their calves and other bought-in beef animals being fattened up on cereal mixes under cover.

farmer says some people are now

but took seven or eight to the auctions at Market Drayton in May." They sold for between £120 and £200 a head less than a year earlier and less than it had cost to rear and feed them. Mr Forrester's reaction, in a

word, was, "sick".



Will Forrester: Taking a loss not quit.

has complaints about the slaughter whence for animals more than 30 morths old. Of, the eight he has registered is the end only one pre bake to the abatton. "You can get rid of them if you're prepared to pay people back-handers - commeson in ability agents - but

we're stuck with them Doubtful of ministers' claims that the backing will be cleared by Christmas, he faces the prospect of feeding and housing non-productive cows into the winter as well beef animals to be sold at a low.

Even if he gets an old suckler cow into the cull, the comdown on the auction price he would have got a year ago for

a 1,000kg animal. Then a week ago Douglas Hogg added insult to maury for Mr Forrester by announcing a 10 per cent cut in the compensation amounts for cull cattle. Effective from 14 October, the change applies to eattle in the backlog, many of which have been listed for slaughter for

months. We have the sheep and 🛍 think I'll survive." Mr Forrester said as the farmers started to drift back to their buses. Except for the depression of market days, he still derives a deep satisfaction from the job and will

### Doctor breaks ranks over IVF-baby risks

and LIZ HUNT

Some fertility clinics are risking multiple births and long-term health problems for children born as a result of treatment in an attempt to boost their "takehome-baby" rates, a leading doctor is warning.

Dr Brian Licberman, a member of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA), has broken ranks with colleagues to criticise many clinics with high birth rates which are routinely transferring three embryos into the womb after fertilisation. No clinic is allowed to transfer more than three embryos but he says the chances of success are just as high with two, and there is less risk of disability.

The chance of a baby conceived through in vitro fertilisation (IVF) dying within a month of birth rises dramatically with multiple births, from 1.4 per cent with one baby, to 5.9 per cent in twins, and 9 per cent in triplets. There is also a higher risk of disability; studies show cerebral palsy occurs in 17.4 per 1,000 triplets, compared with 2

per 1,000 single habies. Dr Lieberman, who is direc-

pared to 20.9 per cent for a ment Unit in Reproduction) has woman who has three embryos. the highest rate of live births of 'Some [clinics] put back three just to maintain their high preg-nancy rate," he said, "They are not taking the welfare of the children into account."

Dr Licberman has also attacked the HFEA's Patient's Guide to DI [Donor Insemination] and IVF Clinics, which details the success rates of more than 100 clinics licensed by the authority.

The main figure cited is the adjusted live-birth rate - the number of births (rather than the number of babies) for every hundred treatment cycles undemaken. But the figure is misleading because it gives no indication of the number of multiple births, Dr Lieberman said, while the emphasis on "live births" regardless of the child's health is alarming. He added: "One is con-

cerned not just with adjusted live-birth rates but with live, healthy non-handicapped babies ... I'm concerned about triple pregnancies. The higher the rate of triple births, the higher

your chances of having handicapped children." The Guide is being used as a "league table" of the top fertility

clinics in the country but this is misleading because it does not compare like with like. Dr Lieberman said. Nurture (Nottingham Uni-

versity Research and Treat-

any clinic (23.7 per cent) and has used this figure in mail shots to health authorities promoting their services. However, the unit has a high multiple-birth rate which is not referred to; of 157 births surveyed in the last year, 43 were twins and six were triplets, accounting for a nearly a third of all the IVF

pregnancies achieved. But Dr Simon Thornton, the medical director of Nucture, dismissed Dr Lieberman's emicisms, and insisted that many triplets were born healthy. "We go to extraordinary lengths to consider the welfage of the children. If you put back three you certainly do run the risk of a triplet pregnancy. You increase your overall success rate by 6 to is a risk [women] are counselled

7 per cent, but the down side is a 1 per cent risk of triplets. It about. They are also told that selective reduction - aborting one foetus - is available."

A spokeswoman for the HFEA declined to comment on Dr I jeberman's criticisms but said there was a growing trend to transfer two rather than three embryos into the wombparticularly if the woman young, "It is a clinical decision for the dector to make after taking into account the prognosis of the patient," she said, "We are not here to dictate on clin-

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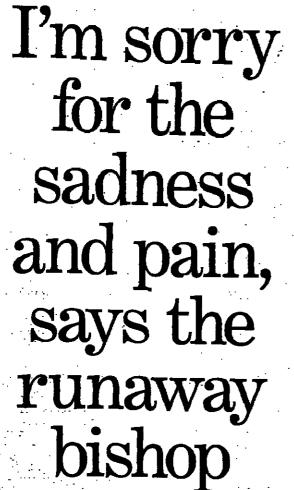
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church in Scotland.

Bishop Wright, 56, ran off a month ago with Mrs Macphee,

who is 15 years his junior and who has three children.

It then emerged he had also

fathered a son, now 15, by an-

other woman. After some time

in hiding, he contacted the

Church of Scotland to quit his

post and the couple sold their

a few days ago, Bishop Wright

and photographers outside.

ogise to the Catholic church, in Scotland in particular, and es-The disgraced former Bishop of Argyll yesterday apologised for the distress caused when he ran off with Kathleen Macphee, a pecially to the priests and people of Argyll and the Isles. Our message to them is heartfelt sordivorcee, but said he was in love row for the sadness and pain and intended to marry her. caused. Neither of us wished to

Speaking in the garden of their new home in Kendal, cause such pain. Bishop Wright said he and Mrs Macphee had both grown Cumbria, Roderick Wright said stronger through the trauma of he and Mrs Macphee were sorry for the suffering caused both to their families and to the

"We are in love and intend to marry," he said. "But at this mo-But he pleaded for them to ment we are living from day to be left in peace while they proday and we do not know yet ceeded with their lives, and their faith, "as best we can". when that will be."

Although their relationship was not sexual at the time when they ran off together, the cou-ple confirmed yesterday that they have now become lovers.

Following reports of unhappiness among Mrs Macphee's children at the relationship, Bishop Wright said they were "fully supportive" of her.

And in response to questions ory to the News of the World. about his and Mrs Macphee's At the press conference yes-terday, Bishop Wright said the couple had decided to speak publicly out of concern for the attitude towards the Catholic church, he said: "We are both Catholics and intend living our faith as best we can. My active intrusion into the lives of their neighbours by waiting press. Since returning to their home role as a priest can no longer continue, and that part of life I miss. We both accept the church's law and have no critiand Mrs Macphee said, they had cism to make."

spokesman for the Catholic der not to alert the reporters church in Scotland, said it had Speaking from a prepared "absolutely nothing to say about statement, Bishop Wright said: the situation regarding the for-"We wish to apologise, espe-cially to our families who have mer Bishop Wright, since he has not been in contact with this office". The church was not in the suffered so much, not only because of the manner of our leavhabit of discussing another pering but because of the intense son's business through the mepressure placed upon them by dia, Fr Connelly added.

### Asylum » seekers win basic support

The Government's drive to restrict state help for asylum.seek-ers was thrown into fresh disarray yesterday after a judge ruled that local councils must provide "the basic necessities of life" for destitute claimants awaiting decisions on refugee status.

Under social security regulations in force since February applicants have been denied income support if they fail to claim asylim at their port of en-try. But in a High Court judi-cial review involving four test cases against three London authorities, Mr Justice Collins said the councils had a duty under the 1948 National Assistance Act to help applicants if they had no other means of support and were therefore in need of "care and attention". Parliament had not intended to over-

rule the 1948 Act's provisions, preventing access to all possi-ble sources of assistance, when it passed the 1996 Asylum and Immigration Act, he declared.

"I find it impossible to believe that Parliament intended that an asylum seeker, who was lawfully here and who could not be lawfully removed from the country, should be left destitute, starving and at risk of grave illness and even death because he could find no one to provide him with the bare necessities of life," Mr Justice Collins said.

The ruling, the third defeat for the Government on the issue of support for asylum seekers in three and a half months, produced an angry reaction against the Government from one of the Asouncils, Labour controlled

lammersmith and Fulham. Andrew Slaughter, council leader, said: "We have no wish to see asylum scakers sleeping

enormous extra costs, probably several millions a year, which we can't meet. The Government's

ill-considered legislation de-serves to be defeated.

The four who storight the case, from Iraq, Romania, Al-geria and China, said they faced the dilemma of a life of destitution on the streets of London for possibly up to two or three years while their applications for refugee status were processed - or be forced to return to countries where they feared persecution, torture or death.

X, from China, had given a "harrowing account" of lengthy confinement in labour camps and torture, the judge said. He was so transmatised that he was too scared to make himself known to the British authorities, and did not make his asylum claim until a nearly a month after arrival.

The Refugee Council, which backed yesterday's case, estimates that there may be up to 10,000 asylum applicants who have no access to benefits under the regulations. More than 500 without any support have approached the council for assistance since the end of July when the Act came into force.

Hammersmith and Fulham and the other two councils, Tory Westminster and Labour Lambeth, are expected to appeal.





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### Howard pledges tough line on drugs

Political Correspondent

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, yesterday brought the Conservative conference to its feet for the longest standing ovation of the day with a speech pledging new measures against drug dealers and stalk-ers, and cleverly finished off with a Euro-sceptical rallying call.

with a recap of already-trailed measures, to satisfy the Tory

failed the test on crime, by op-

of notes detailing his "new" pro-posals, many of which will be contained in a new Crime Bill. "I can tell you today that Bill will be published within a month.

lated measures, could be en-

from judges and the Lords.

The new measures in Mr Howard's speech were a crackdown on dance clubs, in support of which the Home Secretary cited the death last year of Leah Betts, a power for courts to name juvenile offenders and a pilot scheme to give courts powers to disqualify people from driving a car as a punishHe repeated his plans - con-

time serious sexual and violent offenders.

He said: "Last month a rapist was sentenced to life at Chelmsford Crown Court. Described by the judge as 'verging on the satanic', he had been convicted of rape before - not once, but twice, and one of his victims was a nine-year-old.

Released again to rape." But the most pointed part c his speech was his closing attact on Labour's European polici. "This country's sovereignty, this country's democracy, this country's independence, are at stake. They are sacred trusts. They are vital to our future. And, under 15. the Conservatives, they are not negotiable," he declared to

### Compared to the red meat of Major seals it with a **Thatcher** kiss

**COLIN BROWN** Chief Political Correspondent

John Major scaled a show of unity with a kiss for Baroness Thatcher yesterday on the plat-form of the Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth. The arrival of the former prime minister at the conference, to a warm but restrained ovation, had been carefully stage-managed by Brian Mawhinney, the chair-

man of the Conservative Party. Lady Thatcher sat alongside Norma Major to hear Mr Mawhitiney's speech to the conference, in which he tried to draw a line under all the party's troubles over sleaze and Europe, and relaunch the Tory campaign for the election.

Attacking Tony Blair's appeal to wavering Tory voters, Mr Mawhinney ridiculed the Labour leader's comparison of himself with Lady Thatcher.

Mr Blair. I know Margaret Thatcher, Margaret Thatcher is a friend of mine. When Margaret Thatcher was rebuilding this country, you opposed every-thing she did. Mr Blair you are no Margaret Thatcher." Mr Mawhinney declared.

Praising John Major as a

was a restrained affair but Mr Howard's new announcements of a crackdown on dance clubs suspected of allowing drugs and the go-ahead for a law against stalking were enough,

He said that Tony Blair had

vention of Terrorism Act in early 1994. In a later interview, he accused the then shadow Home Secretary of voting the wrong way even "as IRA bombs were raining down on Heathrow airport". He contrasted the Labour

leader with John Major, "a leader who can be trusted, a leader tried and tested in the heat of battle, a leader to take posing the renewal of the Pre- us into the next century".

The text of Mr Howard's acted in time for the general ment for any offence, rather most senior judge – for auto-speech was issued with six pages election, against opposition than simply driving offences matic life sentences for second-

And I want it to be the law of the land next spring," he said. But observers are sceptical that the Bill, now heavily loaded with a compendium of unreand stealing cars.
Mr Howard also declared "I

will make sure" that women get protection from stalkers. The Home Office made it clear that it intended to back a private member's Bill to legislate "at the earliest possible opportunity".

demned last week by Sir Thomas Bingham, England's

### Turning a deaf ear in the face of confusion

As Years didn't say, this is no country for young men. Most delegates in Bournemouth are getting on, and the effort of ex-ercising two decades worth of power, and dragging all that jew-ellery around has made them very tired.

When, during a farmers' protest outside, someone was dragging around an enormous stuffed toy cow, with mock blood, I thought for a horrid moment that one of the delegates had keeled over into their lunchtime ketchup. It is a fact that one of the visited stalls here belongs to the Hearing Aid

Inside, they sit in a lange bank, looking down on a stage set for a musical version of Blake's 7. On the left is a control panel and modernistic desk-space for prime ministers, Thatchers, the conference chairman and the

imminent secretary of state. On the right two sweeping tiers give ample room for armies of ministerial hangerson. Before my inevitable standing ovation, may I just in-troduce my minister of state, Algy Blinker, his PPS Martin Snott, my PPS Jillian Twinsett, our departmental whip Gyles Sneeke, and our spokesman in the Lords, Baroness Cumbersome." In the modern, egalitarian Conservative Party, there are prizes for all; Her Majesty's Government (or Ian Greer)

will make sure of that. Up-stage there is an isolated circle, which looks like a perfect place for stationary tap-dancing, and from which the speeches are made. Yesterday morning, the dance-tune was the Union Fandango, opened by an amiable man called Struan Stevenson, who laid into Labour. "They lifted their kilts", he quipped, "and found nothing that any Scotsman could be proud of, and nothing that any

Scotswoman could want". There was much laughter. But what did this metaphor mean? What had been discovered? Genital warts? Weeny willies? There were two options: analyse the message for a cou-ple of hours, or guffaw idioti-cally. The conference was happy



#### DAVID AARONOVITCH

to do the latter. Then Sebastian Leslie, chinless aristo and prospective parliamentary candidate for Angus East, spoke.
"Angus is special", he began,
earning funny looks from delegates who hadn't heard where he was from, and were still feel-

ing unsettled by the kilt remarks. He then explained his problem. Angus, alone in the UK, has apparently been governed by the SNP for 20 years, "causing devastation to the health service" and everything else. The reason was that, "as long as the Nationalists rule Angus, the Socialist establishment in Dundee will dominate!" But, he went on, "Tve been knocking at the door of the Secretary of State - and he's been listening! And I've not just been talking about the A52! Our message to the SNP must be hospitals and roads". Er, good. Somewhere on this planet there must be someone who understands we.

Sebastian is going on about. Perhaps William Hague did. The former boy-wonder is shiny faced, beaming, healthy and bald, like a free-range egg on E. He replied to the debate on behalf of the Welsh nation (from which he did not spring, which has never elected him, and among whom he has never lived), and ridiculed devolution. He spoke well and loved every second. But it wasn't hard to imagine him making a speech saying exactly the opposite should the exigencies of gov-

ernment require it. Hague will go all the way. Where he will meet Stephen Dorrell, the strangely noisy Health Secretary. In a special Q&A session, he shouted at questioners for an hour and a half. Surprisingly, the more friendly the question, the loud-

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er he shouted.



Advice from the old guard: Norma Major receives a couple of soundbites from Margaret Thatcher at the Tory conference Photograph: David Rose

pre-eminently be about lead- Mr Mawhinney, who was reership. Scoffing at Mr Blair's commitment to "education, education, education", the Tory a "true Brit". Mr Mawhinney said that the election would chairman said: That's hypsaid that the election would crisy, hypocrisy, hypocrisy."

sponsible for bringing forward the poster assault on Labour with the "demon eyes" campaign, said last week that Labour's conference just issued

"soundbites for the chattering classes". "This conference," he said, "is about something more important - it's about showing what this party stands for."

sceptic, he warned that a Labour government would "surrender the British veto, and sign up this country to a fed-

governing". He directed the Tory campaign at blue-collar workers. Promising a Conservative victory at the next election,

### Labour training plan

**COLIN BROWN** 

A volunteer force of young neonle is to be announced tomorrow by Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, to rival Labour's plans to provide training allowances for 16-18 year-olds.

Mrs Bottomley will use the millennium funds after the turn of the century to boost training for young people. Labour's plans are funded by cuts in child benefit for 16-18 year olds, and have been attacked as a "teenage tax" by the Tories.

The National Heritage Secretary will also announce plans to use National Lottery money to fund the revenue costs of theatres through subsidies for tickets for children.

She believes the cheap tickets initiative will keep theatres tilled during weekdays, without running costs. The move follows criticism of the restrictions on the church.



Virginia Bottomley: Plans to use millennium funds

the use of lottery funds which were being used to build new theatres without the finance to keep them open.

Mrs Bottomley will also argue that her use of National Lottery money is providing social cohesion by funding sports clubs and village halls, which help to compensate the need for direct revenue for the loss of a sense of comgrants to support the theatre's - munity through the breakdown of families and the decline of

### Youth scheme to rival Spin doctors caught hop by Cran's resignation

CHRIS BLACKHURST

The first that the spokeswoman at the Northern Ireland Office knew of James Cran's resignation as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Sir Patrick Mayhew, her boss, was when she read an internal notice three

That was what she told The Independent when we rang on Monday afternoon to ask if it was true Mr Cran, a Euro-sceptic and pro-Unionist was leaving the Government. She could shed no light on why he had gone. A senior Tory source confirmed Mr Cran had departed, but could not say more because he had to

dash to a meeting. At Bournemouth, Tory spin doctors went to work. Mr Cran had resigned "two months ago, so it is an old story" was one version. He has gone because his majority is threatened by boundary changes. Mr Cran is the MP for prosperous Bever-

ley, with a majority of 16,000. If Mr Cran went two months ago, it had not been made public. Not even that: hardly anyone within the party hierarchy knew. And, as one seasoned Whitehall-watcher pointed out, filling a PPS's shoes happens smoothly and swiftly and does

not normally take two months. On Newsnight, Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, gave a different timetable. In a nervous performance, he said he had known about Mr Cran's resignation "three weeks" ago. He was going because he needed to work on his constituency.

When Jeremy Payman replied that Beverley was a safe Tory area, Dr Mawhinney gave an im-pression of a rabbit caught in the

headlights and did not respond. When The Independent spoke to an official close to Sir Patrick. yet another account of Mr Cran's departure was forthcoming. He had written to Sir Patrick "three to four weeks ago" stating his intention to resign. His resignation had not

been accepted and had been

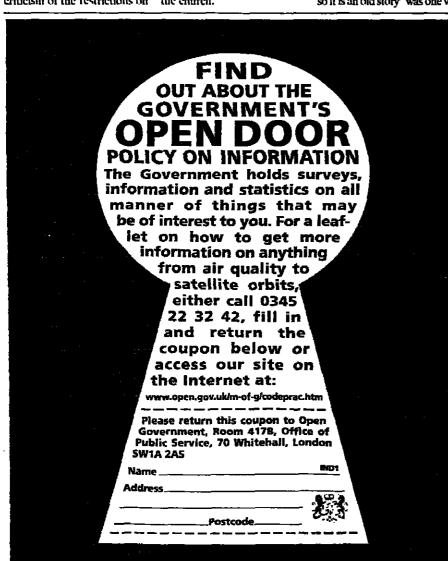
kept under wraps because Sir Patrick had wanted to talk to him first. In his letter, Mr Cran said he wanted to spend more time in his constituency, but the official said the view of Sir Patrick was that he "wants to be freed up to pursue his greater agenda about Europe". In the run-up

to the election, said the official. there was little doubt among those at the top of the party that Mr Cran wanted the "liberty to speak his mind on Europe' Contrary to the spin being down. It was as simple as that."

played out at Bournemouth, which said that Mr Cran's position was minor and his departure was not a blow, the official said it was "a loss" and

he had been "highly rated". Finally, there was Mr Cran himself. He claimed there was no foundation in the claim that he wanted to pursue his line on Europe. "Indeed, I am of the view that the Euro-sceptical point of view within the country is best-preserved by backing Major's European policy. To do anything else means that Blair is in Downing Street and then the sovereignty of the country

is given away."
His own reason for going was that "18 months as parliamentary aide to a Cabinet minister is, for me, just about the right time. When I did 18 months or thereabouts, I decided to step







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confusion

Tax-cuts battle hits **Dorrell's** GP plans

Chief Political Correspondent

Publication of a White Paper on the future of family doctor services has been delayed by a battle between Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health and the Treasury over the cost of the plans.

party conference, but the struggle for reductions to make room for tax cuts in next month's Budget will be restarted next week by Kenneth Clarke.

The Chancellor, who addresses the conference tomorrow, will chair the meeting of the Cabinet EDX committee on public expenditure to thrash out the final savings on the £262.8bn budget allocated for

The BSE crisis has caused a sharp rise in spending, virtually wiping out the contingency reserve for this year, but the Chancellor is keeping a tight rein on spending commitments at the conference.

Mr Dorrell yesterday was unable to give any firm date for the White Paper but confirmed that legislation to expand family doctor services would be in the next Queen's Speech.

The Treasury is anxious to ensure that the expansion of the family doctor services will be costeffective. The White Paper will



precede the legislation under which there will be pilot schemes allowing GPs to offer a wider range of services, more consul-tants to hold clinics in GP surgeries, and hospitals to employ GPs where there is a local need.

Mr Dorrell also confirmed that he is postponing until after the general election the The public-spending battle scheme to spare the elderly has been suspended for the being forced to sell their homes to pay for long-term care. The Prime Minister had giv-

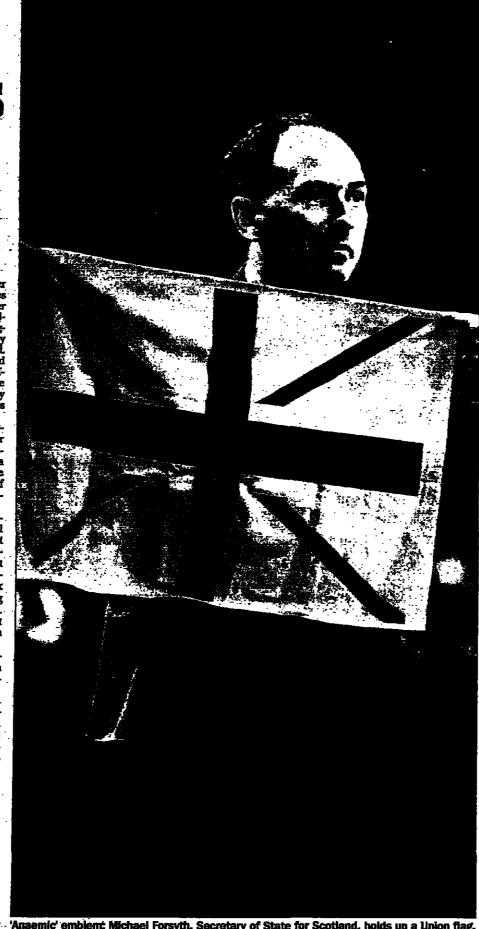
en a piedge to defuse a row over the issue among Tory support-ers. Mr Dorrell produced a "partnership" plan to enable the elderly to keep capital assets if they took out insurance longterm care.

Mr Dorrell last night confirmed that the legislation will be published in draft form next month, and it will not be enacted until after the election. "It would be a great mistake to introduce legislation on a complex set of issues without having ensured it is right," he said.
The right way forward for that legislation is to publish a Bill in

The Health Secretary yesterday also faced open criticism of the failure of care-in-thecommunity services.

Doing away with a conventional conference speech, Mr Dorrell held an hour-long question-and-answer session and faced repeated demands for action to end "bed blocking" by elderly patients who cannot be released from hospital because there is no place for them in the

Leaders of the Conservative Medical Society, normally guar-anteed to offer friendly questions, highlighted the deep concern in the NHS at the numbers of elderly people who are occupying hospital beds because the social services departments have failed to provide



care-in-the-community places. 'Anaemic' emblem: Michael Forsyth, Secretary of State for Scotland, holds up a Union flag,

### Tories to harry Blair on Scotland

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

The Conservative Party yesterday served notice that it would seek to exploit Labour's plans to devolve power to Scotland and Wales to destabilise a Tony Blair government.

In speeches which at times seemed to assume that the next election was already lost. Michael Forsyth, the Secretary of State for Scotland, and his Welsh counterpart William Hague, competed to present themselves as right-wing harriers of a Labour administration.

Mr Forsyth described the re-cent confusion over Mr Blair's devolution policy as a "foretaste" of a Labour government. If a Scottish parliament were set up in Edinburgh, he said, Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor and MP for Dunfermline East, "could not legislate on ... matters affecting the daily lives of his constituents in Dunfermline, but he could do so for people in Dagenham".

Mr Hague also pursued the effects of a Labour victory, saying: "These assemblies ... would steadily demand more and more powers until they could fulfil their natural role as regulating, legislating, time-wasting, tax-raising busybodies."

But there was an undercurrent to the debate, as the two youngest Cabinet members competed for the approval of Baroness Thatcher, whose arrival on the platform interrupted proceedings for an enthusiastic 40-second ovation. Mr Hague, 35, first wowed a

Tory conference at 16. Just last year, he was given a slot in a youth debate. But yesterday he was given equal billing with Mr Forsyth, and won the loudest roar of approval when he gave the conference its first chance to express its anti-Brussels bloodlust, linking the defence of the Union against devolutionists to its defence against creeping European integration.

But it was Mr Forsyth who stole the television pictures, holding up a Union flag with the blue saltire of Scotland missing: "an anaemic red asterisk". "Is this the flag you want to fly over your children and your chil-

#### YESTERDAY AT THE CONFERENCE

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Driving itemass to be taken away from offenders - trailed in yesterday's papers, but now revealed that it applies to all offences.

"I don't think i'd want a federal Europe even if Margaret Thatcher was running it." Michael Haward, Hame Secretary. on the tringe.

"Mr Blair, I know Margaret Thatcher. Margaret Thatcher is a friend of mine. When Margaret Thatcher was rebuilding this country, you opposed everything she did. Mr Blair, you're no Margaret Thatcher." Bran Mawhinney. Tory party chairman.

"Michael Forsyth has scared the Scottish Labour Party out of their kilts. He has looked under their sportans and found ... not very mucl." Struan Stevenson, candidate in Dumfries.

"When Charles Lewington comes in here he looks as if he's come into the toilet." Journalist on Tones' chief spin doc-tor's visits to press room.



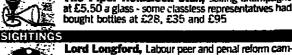
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E CROWD-PULLERS ON THE FRINGE David Trimble. Ulster Unionist leader, and David Wilshire MP, Tory rebel on Northern Ireland, 200 peo-Michael Howard, at Conservative Way Forward rail-

ly, the main daily Thatchente event, 160 people Lord Tebbit and David Heathcoat-Amory, on how Europe can be an election winner 600 people MOOD MUSIC OF THE DAY What they played in between sessions: "Come Together", The Beatles; "Wonderful World", Louis Armstrong; "Here

Beatles: "Wonderful World" Comes the Sun", The Beatles. THE PARTY NOT TO BE SEEN AT The Piper-Heidsieck stall, selling champagne at £5.50 a glass - some classless representatives had bought bottles at £28, £35 and £95



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### The great tilting train robbery

We invented it but let the technology go abroad. Now we're having to invent it again.

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

Rail schedules between Glasgow and London could be cut by an hour with the use of tilting trains, under plans announced yesterday by Railtrack and the franchising director,

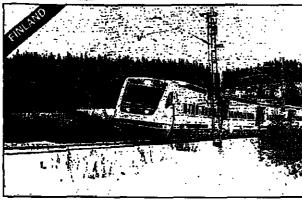
Roger Salmon.
The plans, which have been prepared by a 200-strong team working for Railtrack over the past two years, would involve a £1,500m upgrade of the line and £600m of new rolling stock. It could be realised by 2003.

The announcement appeared to be timed to give some cheer to the Conservatives meeting in Bournemouth, but Mr Salmon denied that this was the case. "The pressure has come from OPRAF [the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising] to get the deal done as quickly

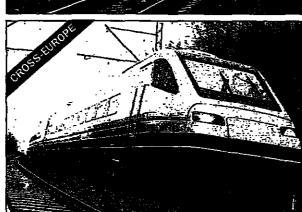
However, Mr Salmon admitted that the scheme is dependent upon the successful bidder for the West Coast Main Line franchise being prepared to buy the tilting trains and to obtain Treasury finance to pay for them.

The successful franchisee for the line, last modernised 30 years ago, will be given a 15-year term during which the line will be improved to achieve running times of 80 minutes from London to Birmingham, two hours to Manchester and four hours 20 minutes to Glasgow. A special premier train, with just one intermediate stop at Preston, could link London with

Glasgow in just four hours. Bob Horton, Railtrack's chairman, said yesterday that the line will be upgraded in a £1.35bn rolling programme and Railtrack is prepared to spend an extra £150m to ensure that tilting trains can use the line. bends. The limit to speed is not Railtrack's engineering direc- service by the mid-1980s.







inclined to speed: Tilting trains of the Finnish and Italian state railways, with (bottom) the Cisalpino that runs from Milan to Bern, Switzerland; right, BR's APT, rejected by the network in the 1970s

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR

Tilting trains were the great flop

of the 1980s in the UK, but they

most of Europe. It was Britain

that developed the idea of in-

stalling a tilting mechanism to

allow trains to go faster round

He said: "We are offering a allaying fears that the line from firm commitment. There is no Preston to Glasgow would be question of a deal being put downgraded. back."Mr Horton also con-The upgrading will include the installation of cab signalling similar to that used by the firmed that all the line up to Glasgow would be renovated.

the angle of the tilt but the com-

fort of the passengers. The tilt

mechanism ensures carriages

BR's version, the Advanced Pas-

senger Train, was ridiculed be-

cause the tilt mechanism kent

breaking down, Brian Mellitt,

Or so the theory went. But

"ride" smoothly with bends.

French TGV trains, enabling information to be relayed into the driver's cab in place of the driver having to rely on traffic-light style signals. This not only allows faster running speeds, but is also

APT's development, said the

cause of the problem was that

though many engineers who

worked on it said errors on the prototype could have been

ironed out, with the train in full

The APT was scrapped al-

the train did tilt too much.

safer since should a driver ignore an instruction to stop, the train will do so automatically. Mr Salmon said that bidders for the West Coast will be asked

one with tilting trains and one... without. He said that he was confident -

the tilting trains offer would be more economical than convento provide two separate bids, tional trains, but that if they privatisation scheme. The fran-

ticipated, then they would ask for extra Treasury funding. This is the biggest test so

plex deal involving OPRAF, Railtrack, the Treasury, and the bidder will have to be thrashed out. The successful bidder (chosen probably from the 14 compames which have expressed an

> sure that it is profitable enough to pay for the new trains. If the Government manag to get a successful deal before the general election, it will be one of the few concrete suc-

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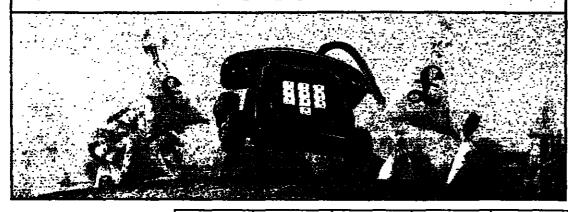
March 1997 and by then a com-

#### European railways go faster round the bend interest in competing) will get huge subsidies from the Got. ernment via OPRAF to support Europe as they allow faster line speeds without big infra-structure renovation. Marzio play. "Previously, there was only an acceleramotor [a mechare currently operating in Italy. services on the line and to en-The other firm, Adtrauz, has trains in Sweden and Norway, anism using springs] to detect but these are hanled by non-tilt Broda, of Fiat Ferroviaria, the the bends... but this also demost successful of the two tected bumps on the line, caus-Sherwood, president of the UK companies now producing tilting too many tilts." Fiat's trains firm. Sea Containers, said he ing trains, said that the key have now been sold to Finland.

scope to indicate when the tilt the Czech Republic and Portu- for the East Coast Main Line. privatisation.

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### The £650,000 school for one

A residential school funded by public money with a staff of 38, annual running costs of £650.000, and room for 80 students, is currently looking after one pupil. The pupil, receiving what may well be one of the most expensive state educations in the world, is currently costing the London Borough of Lambeth more than 200 times the bill for every other child.

change was to install a gyro-

Enborne Lodge School, in Newbury, Berkshire, is supposed to house bright children who have behavioural and emo-tional problems. The special school was funded by the Inner London Education Authority. but when ILEA was disbanded in 1990 responsibility for its running moved to Lambeth.

With Lambeth, responsible for the education of more than 20,000 pupils, and planning spending cuts of £2.9m on an annual budget of just under £100m, the financial fiasco of Enborne has turned into a political fight for each party in the hung local-government council. As part of a review of its education spending, begun in Sep-tember last year. Lambeth

The Message By Maura Dooley

How, at an open window the wind

flung its small warmth into the sky.

was the need to press hard on the wheel

But, the need for a cigarette

filled a shirt with the shape of his body, pressed it flat as an idea again.

Then, turning back the covers one still night she found a bat in her bed, cupped it,

decided it could no longer afford Enborne. The school roll then contained more than one student. But, when the closure was announced, the parents of one pupil decided to take legal

-Germany, Switzerland, Spain,

action halt the council plans. In May, at a civil action in the High Court, a judge granted an injunction to the parents which prevents the closure of Enborne. Central to the decision of the judge was criticism that Lambeth had not properly consulted parents.

The by-the-book consultation process began officially on 19 September. While this threemonth process is being carried out, Lambeth has no option but

to keep the school open. Insiders in the council yesterday said the "technicality" of the High Court ruling was causing great embarrassment. One official, who asked not to be named, said: "The Government has been increasingly advocating the importance of integrating special needs into mainstream education. Yet here

we are being penalised."
With pupils in Lambeth each costing the education authority an annual £3,000, the Tory group's education spokesman,

DAILY POEM

Councillor John Whelan, from the legacy of the last claimed that the £650,000 bill Labour-controlled council. The for one pupil must be the most expensive education in the world. He said the situation was a farce and should be ended as soon as possible.

-honed to order two tilting trains

The Liberal Democrats on the council say the mess arose on the situation at Enborne.

Labour group maintains that special schools like Enborne are needed and fulfil a crucial role. A council spokeswoman said that given the terms of the iniunction she could not comment

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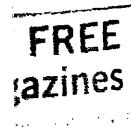


of his Zippo: pain, ignition. So, when the parcel came she wasn't surprised that all his curls spilled out clipped, abundant and with no messa newhere, his head was cool and clear and free.

Maura Dooley is one of five shortlisted poets (in the category of Best Individual Poem) of the Forward Poetry Prizes to be announced this evening at the Groucho Club in London. The prizes are part of National Poetry Day, instigated by the publisher William Sieghart in 1992 and now in its fifth year. For information on poetry events taking place all over the country access the Poetry Map on the Internet (http://www.bbc-ne.org.uk/online/poetry). In London, the most sumptious poetry will be taking place in the Piazza in Covent Garden, with live performances from Britain's leading poets.



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### She's seen the show 41 times. So what is the secret behind the phantom's mask?



Masked in admiration: Christine Dasé, who, caught in the Phantom's 'hypnotic power', changed her name from Victoria Bohm in honour of his diva

dedicated aircraft which carries

wide it has grossed £1.4bn. In London alone it has taken £80m

and has been seen by nearly 5

through the cabin.

million people.

Arts News Editor For a reputedly stry chap, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber does love in the swirling Gothic ronot do things by half. Tonight, to mark the 10th anniversary of from Bishop's Stortford in The Phantom of the Opera, he Hertfordshire who changed her will be giving a masked ball at name from Victoria Bohm by deed poll. ... a London hotel and even taking to the stage at Her Majesty's Theatre to do a surprise turn

after the curtain calls. Sir Andrew and the musical's producer, Sir Cameron Mackintosh, have sent a stylised invitation to 10th-anniversary guests purporting to be from the Phantom himself. "Masks must be worn. Ignore this at your peril" it concludes.

In the case of Messrs Lloyd Webber and Mackintosh, that is one assumes, a tongue-incheek affectation. For others though the magical powers of the Phantom and his infatuation with his protégé Christine Daaé in the 19th-century Paris Opera House have been tangible her mentor once nightly and enough to take over their lives. twice on on matinée days.

Take for example Miss Chris-tine Dazé herself. Not the fiotional diva who inflames the Phantom to murder for her mance, but the 22-year-old PA

Miss Daaé of Bishop's Stortford has seen the show 41 times, once travelling to Canada to do so, and has spent around £6,000 on tickets and merchandise. The show, she said yesterday, "totally took my breath away. I felt completely carried away to another world, caught up in the hypnotic power he has over Christine'

She explains the change of name in appropriately roman-tic style. "Unconsciously it was that if the Phantom came back today he would have a Christine Daaé who would stay by him at the end," - a sideswipe at the original Christine who deserts

Miss Daae's identification ence travel to the theatre on a with the piece is not unique. Ushers at Her Majesty's Theatre regularly see people sitting in the stalls in phan-

ence involvement nearly led to an international incident. Ushers were shocked to see the Queen of Sweden enter the theatre's VIP room at the interval, hair in a mess, clothes di-shevelled. Her bodyguards had mistaken the coup de théatre at the end of the first act, when a chandelier crashes from the ceiling above the auditorium on attempt - and leapt on the Queen to protect her.

There are currently 16 productions of Phantom of the Opera playing worldwide. And last year in Basel, Switzerland, a £25m theatre was designed and built to show The Phantom of the Opera and only The Phantom of the Opera - in

perpetuity. Some members of the audi-

#### The facts behind the musical magic

ticket-holders from all over Eu-■ The chandelier, made of rope. The Corsair Saab 2000 has 6,000 beads and weighing had its fuselage painted with the Phantom's mask logo, dwarfing one and a half tons, makes a four-second fall to the the Swiss flag. As it takes off, the climax to the title track plays stage towards the end of ■ There is almost a mile-If he studies the Phantom figand-a-half of drapery around ores before setting out tonight, Sir Andrew will note that world-

Each dancer wears out. one pair of dancing shoes every three days.

■ Cast members have an average of seven costume changes per performance. ■ The Phantom's mask, with integrated radio microphone, takes two hours to put on and one hour to remove. A ticket to watch one of productions showing around the world is bought on

average every nine seconds.

### **British** economist is Nobel Winner

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

A Cambridge professor who developed the study of eco-nomic behaviour in the ab-sence of complete information, has become the first Briton working in this country to win the Nobel Prize for Economics for 12 years.

James Mirrices, 60, shares the \$1.12m (£0.7m) prize with William Vickrey, an 82-year-old Canadian who teaches at Columbia University in New York. Although the two men have not met, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences cited both for real world, however, many their work on how economic decisions are made when there is uncertainty and only partial information.

Their research is therefore unusually realistic for economists, who normally assume away real-world difficulties such as one party to a contract knowing more than the other, or the fact that the future is unknown.

Professor Mirrlees virtually invented research into the "principal-agent problem", where a principal such as a shareholder pays an agent such as a manager to run a company. He also shaped the study of moral hazard", when the fact that there are incentives to lie in taking out an insurance policy, for instance - alters the kind of cover a company will offer.

His single most influential piece of research was a 1971 paper on the ideal structure of income tax, which concluded that marginal tax rates should be much lower. This prefigured the much lower are should be much lower. This prefigured the mass "full of glee" yesworld-wide trend for cutting tax terday. "My second thought rates, although his recent re- was to check the call was gensearch has led Professor Mirrices to argue for higher taxes on middle-income earners.

Professor Vickrey, like stands out for applying eco-nomic theory to practical problems such as how the United

policy on the New York subway.
"One of the charges against economists is that we are not very relevant," Professor Charles Bean, of the London School of Economics, said. "But

this work is incredibly relevant. It is a well-deserved prize." Professor Peter Sinclair of Birmingham University said: "Jim Mirrlees has played a huge role in the reshaping of economic institutions, from the design of managerial remuneration and the trend to contracting out

right through to privatisations." Despite his influence on the



relevant to real world

British economists regard Professor Mirrlees's work as-arid and mathematical. It is a view encouraged by his austere Scots personality and imposing height, which tend to overawe

uine," he added.

The British-born economist Ronald Coase, as a US citizen Chicago, won the Nobel prize in 1991. The last Briton work-States should run auctions of Richard Stone in 1984.

#### Abducted girl, 4, Only quizzed by police

airline with her family.

But they say Caoimhe
McEvoy has been unable, so far, offers

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interviewing a four-year-old Belfast girl who was abducted

to provide any clues as to what happened to her during her 20hour ordeal.
She was found wandering

along a roadside 20 miles from the hotel in Orlando where she and her family were staying.
Commander Steve Jones,
from the Orange County Sheriff's Office, said that although
she was physically unhurt, she
was sky of the officers who
tried to interview her, and was unable to pass on any useful information.

"We've not got too many leads," he said.

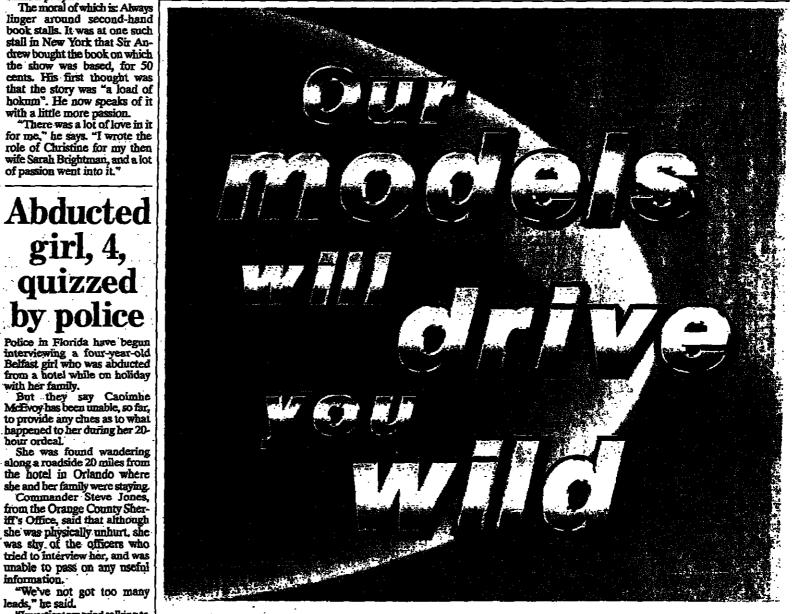
"Investigators tried talking to her but she's very quiet. According to her parents, that's her nature. I think they're going to let her settle down.

"She's fine physically. The ex-amination by doctors didn't show any injury on the outside - cuts or oruises or anything. "They re waiting for results on internal tests but she seems

· Attempts to question her were expected to resume later yesterday using specially trained officers from the local child protection team. . Mr Jones said Caoimhe had

been discharged from the hos-pital where she was taken for checks and was now recovering with her parents at another The family had been due to

fly home on Monday at the end of their two-week holiday.



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### 5 dead as cargo jet hits house

ANDREW GUMBEL

A Russian cargo plane attempting to land at Turin airport in poor weather ploughed into a farmhouse in a village on the outskirts of the city yesterday morning, leaving at least five

people dead and 20 injured. The plane, a privately char-tered Antonov 124, was making its second attempt to approach the runway at Turin's Caselle airport when its wings clipped the roofs of some farm buildings and veered out of control.

The Antonov, one of the world's largest cargo planes, crashed into a farmhouse in the hamlet of San Francesco al Campo, burying the farmer and his wife under a pile of rubble,

The pilot co-pilot and one other crew member were all killed instantly. Around eight people managed to escape via emergency chutes, while the rest of the 23-strong crew had to be cut out of the wreckage and rushed to hospital.



The Russian Antonov 124 cargo plane which crashed yesterday on an Italian farmhouse whose owners miraculously survived



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### **Big-hitters** lock horns in classic contest

The Senate race in Massachusetts is one to savour, writes Rupert Cornwell

Democratic candidate is a Bay State grandee who went to Yale, won a purple heart in Vietnam, and was elected a senator before marrying a food company heiress worth \$675m. He has been known to quote André Gide to the Boston Globe and bears the mitials - more resonant in this state than any-

where on earth - of JFK.

Not to be outdone, his wisecracking Republican opponent traces his Yankee pedigree back to 1650 ("My ancestors arrived in the US with just the shirts on their backs - they sent the servants on ahead"

He attended Harvard and Oxford; wrote a thesis on the Roman poet Propertius and apart from playing squash, liunting wild boar and serving as Governor, still cracks a mean joke in Latin. Needless to say, he's also a millionaire, whose wife is a great-granddaughter of Theodore Roosevelt.

This Senate race is big league In fact, unless a hitherto vapid presidential campaign suddenly takes fire, it's the best in the country this autumn. Massachusetts loves its politics, and it has a feast to savour. No undenows of race or squalid sex scandal - just two very rich, very classy, very talented white boys slugging it out.

In the Democratic corner is John Forbes Kerry, husband of Theresa Heinz, and the esteemed junior senator from Massachusetts since 1984. Challenging him is William Floyd Weld, the hugely popular two-term Republican Governor of the most consistently Democratic state in the nation.

ferent as could be. Weld is a patrician populist who looks like a rugby forward, with an "aw-shucks" style and rather limited attention span. Kerry, by contrast, comes across as stiff and reserved, earnest to the point of sanctimony, and singleminded enough to devote vears as a Senate subcommittee chairman to the pursuit of BCCL

But the similarities are at least as many. They are both around 50. Both embody philosophies that may shape their parties in the next decade: Weld as a tax-cutting, tough-on-crime conservative who none the less supports gay rights and a woman's right to have an abortion; Kerry, the erstwhile liberal who has edged rightward, back-ing higher federal funding to fight crime as well as welfare reform and a balanced budget. Both have entertained dreams



of the White House (Weld almost certainly still does). And less than a month before election day, there's not an inch of

daylight between them. For more than a year now, the campaign has been running at full pitch. They have argued shouted and vilified each other; Weld calls Kerry an unreconstructed liberal. Kerry depicts the Governor as a clone of Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Given Massachusetts' Democratic traditions and the fact that Bill Clinton leads Bob Dole here by 25 points, Weld is doing remarkably well to be levcollects the endorsement of the Lowell Police Patrolmen's Union, you can understand why. Lowell is a gritty New England mill town, tarted up somewhat these days, but still best known as the birthplace of Jack Kerouac. With its blue-collar. union traditions it is a natural Democrat stronghold.

"John Kerry sees things from the point of view of the criminal, I see things from the point of view of the people they hurt and kill." Weld says in his set You cannot help but like him. For Reagan Democrats across America in the 1980s, read Weld Democrats in Massachu-

setts in the 90s. Small wonder Kerry is pulling out all the stops. Mr Clinton was special guest at a rock 'n' roll last month, while Hillary Clinton is a frequent campaigner too: in liberal Massachusetts if few places else in America, the First Lady is a heroine. For this is a seat the Democrats must not lose if they are to recapture the Senate in November.

And the smart money says they won't lose, for one paradoxical reason; voters, Republicans and Democrats alike, love Weld right where he is. The Governor has yet to explain why he yearns to abandon power here to be just one of 100 senators in Washington. Kerry performs that role perfectly, the reasoning runs; if Weld wants to run for President, he can do so from Boston. After all, look what happened to the last-butone Governor of Arkansas. Thus the subliminal slogan of campaign '96 - "Vote Kerry, To Keep Weld" - may be a winner.



Pursuit of power: John Kerry sharing a stage with President Bill Clinton at a campaign raily in Boston

### 'Le kangourou' hops on to French dinner table

MARY DEJEVSKY

When next they venture to the hypermarket to restock their fridges and freezers, French

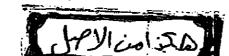
shoppers may be surprised, even intrigued, to find a little something completely different squeezed into the meat section along with the beef and the boar: le kangotirou. After several years of resistance, during which all other European Union countries have

first shipments should be in Paris by the end of the month.

Officially, the change of mind

in France follows exhaustive hygiene checks by French inectors, including at Australian abattoirs, to ensure that the marsopial meat conforms to standards required for meat sold in France.

The arrival of the first kangaroo steaks, however, is of more than gastronomic significance. It is the first real sign that France is ready to forgive and forget the shocking scenes of baguette-burning in Australian cities last year during the protests against French European Union countries have the protests against French the protests to kangaroo, the nuclear tests. It also suggests a search for something to fill our market a highly carnivorous market where beef sales are still lan-guishing around 30 per cent below their pre-BSE level.



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### Russian 'mafia' marches on paradise

A Caribbean island is being used by gangs to launch an international crime network, US officials say

#### PHIL DAVISON

It was an influx of Russian tourists, businessmen and investors to the Caribbean island of Antigua that attracted the attention of United States law enforcement officials. When some of the Russians broke away from their groups and contacted local criminals with suspected Colombian or Sicilian mafia ties, the Americans' suspicious were

Caribbean and US anti-drugs agents now believe the visitors to the former British colony and tourist paradise were Russian organised crime envoys, setting up ties with Colombian and Italian mafias who ship cocaine, heroin and marijuana through the eastern Caribbean to North America and Europe.

The Russians' aims were twofold, the agents believe. To wrest control of drug shipments to eastern Europe and to find ways of laundering the billions of dollars of proceeds through offshore banks on Antigua and other Caribbean islands.

With anti-narcotics crackdowns in Colombia and Mexico, and tighter banking restrictions in such financial centres as Venezuela and Panama, more and more drugs are passing through the Caribbean and the druglords are tending to simplify their operations by laundering their proceeds on the spot, where banking restrictions are often lax.

President Bill Clinton's antinarcotics tsar, the retired general Barry McCaffrey, recently estimated that up to \$50bn (£35m) in drug money was now passing through the Caribbean. That is around onetenth of the world total.

banks opened in Antigua in the last two years alone, including sian and one Ukrainian. The offices are listed mostly on the upper floor of the so-called Woods Estate, a sort of shopping and office mall on the edge of the capital, St John's. Some appear to consist of little more than brass plates on doors.

"It is being stated quite openly around the island that that money is being laundered," said Baldwin Spencer, leader of Antigua's opposition United Progressive Party. Prime Minister Lester Bird has declined to comment but other government sources admit privately that both the US and Britain have expressed concem over reported money laun-

The Prime Minister's brother, Vere Bird Jnr, was barred from politics for life after helping ship 500 Israeli assault rifles through , Antigua , to the Medeline Caronina in emerged as a political advisor





yesterday. It is thought that Russian gangs may be laundering profits from drug running through banks in Antigua (left)

has grown with extraordinary

speed, aided by links with bu-

reaucracy and corrupt and un-

der-funded law enforcement.

said there were 8,000 organ-

ised-crime groupings, involved

in activities ranging from gam-

bling in Moscow to weapons-

dealing and banking scams in

Chechnya to running the huge

Last year the government

#### A cancer at the heart of world banking

arrested at St John's airport named after their father VC Bird - last year carrying 12kg of cocaine on to a flight. He got off with a \$75,000 fine.

position politician and managing editor of the local Outlet newspaper, using his nickname for Antigna. Mr Hector said: "The crew of the sub would

'It is being stated quite openly here that money is being laundered'

Local curiosity over the intentions of Russian visitors was heightened when a Russian submarine docked at Jolly Har-bour outside St John's in 1994 and stayed more than a year, coming and going sporadically There are all socts of wend things happening in Birdland,"

wander around St John's in casual clothes. It seemed to be on a private mission and there was talk that it was going to be converted as a kind of maderwater cruise ship for tourists.
Runious were rife that it

was actually picking up drugs dropped from aeroplanes but

there was never any proof and one day it was gon

"There was an influx of Russians in 1994-95, announcing grandiose plans to build hotels. One group bought a restaurant and a casino but suddenly they

closed down and disappeared."
US officials say they are investigating a particular Antigua bank, the European Union Bank, chartered as an offshore subsidiary of the Russian bank Menatep by a Russian called Alexander Konanykhine. He has since been jailed in the U.S. for defying visa restrictions. EUB is apparently still operating. advertising on the internet as keeping "the strictest standards of banking privacy".

### Mobs battle for spoils of the old Soviet Union

organised-crime Russian groups are laundering their ill-gotten millions through un-Caribbean, it is equally clear that they are also stashing their wealth away in many other parts of the world.

Money generated by the Russian mafia's rackets - ranging from drugs and prostitution to diamond and weapon-smuggling - has found its way to the United States, Switzerland, Israel and elsewhere in the years since the break-up of the Soviet Union. As the flow of tainted cash has increased, so has the web of connections wo-ven by the Russians with other groups overseas as they seek to muscle their way into inter-

national criminal operations. The matia's success is reflected in crime statistics; Russia's Interior Minister, Anatoly Kulikov, said this week that so far in 1996, more than 12 tons of drugs and related products had been seized in Russia. One of the foundations on which the Russians are believed to have built their for-

like Antwerp, Los Angeles, New York and Tel Aviv. Newsweek, which investigate ed the Russian mafia's global

expansion, said mobsters had seized control of these networks, which were mostly engaged in white-collar scams and money-laundering, and that they are expanding. \$400,000 was allegedly stolen

Russian communities in cities

from a New York bank via a laptop second-hand Japanese-car business in Vladivostok. Most Mafia tentacles have also reached out into cyberspace. areas of retailing have been Impoverished and under-empenetrated by organised crime ployed Russian computer sciwhich, according to some analysts, is involved in up to 80 pcr entists have reportedly been signed up to delve into systems

at US banks and securities cent of all private business firms. One allegedly stole and banking. \$400,000 (£266,000) from a Figures are unreliable, not New York bank by using his laptop, although his mafia conleast because the term "mafia" is used for an assortment of nections are uncertain. What is certain, though, is that the

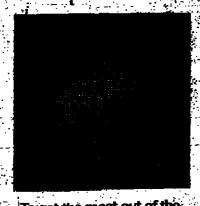
But no one disputes that the mobster are hindering Russia's crippled economy from rising Russian mafia has exploded in the past few years as compet-

eign operations are the old ing groups fight for control of to its feet. Last week the criminal structures run by the spoils of the former Sovimostly Jewish émigrés from the et Union. Organised crime ex-open letter by the chairman of com Business Centres, to the Mayor of Moscow, Yuri Luzhkov, which provided a telling example of the problem.

Saying his shareholders stand to lose all his company's \$17m investment in Moscow, he appealed for the city to become a place where companies can operate "without someone showing up at your door to take it away in the name of your own protection"

Although he did not use the word "mafia", his remarks appear to refer to the kysha (roof) system. When new busiesses open in Russia mafia thugs are liable to appear with a demand for 10 to 20 per cent of gross revenue, regardless of whether a company is making profit or loss, in return for supplying gun-toting security

Bosses that refuse risk having their buildings burnt down, bombed, or worse. Contract killings can be organised for as little as \$2,000 and are so commonplace in Russia that they barely merit a mention in the



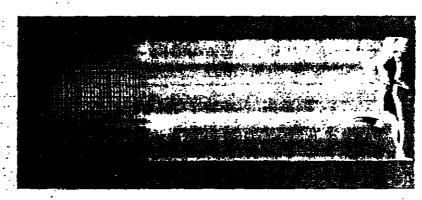
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### Gaza keeps its finger on the trigger

PATRICK COCKBURN

As Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, paid his first official visit to Israel, aid officials in Gaza warned that an explosion of popular anger by Palestini ans may erupt before the end of renewed talks between the

PLO and Israel. Mr Arafat was upheat after flying by Israeli army helicopter to visit Israeli President Ezer Weizman at his home in Caesarea, saying: "Negotiations will be the tool to resolve our differences." Asked whether Palestinian police would no longer fire at Israeli troops, he replied: "This is my perma-nent order to our policemen."

But even as Mr Arafat was speaking, Palestinian negotiators at Erez, the northern exit to the Gaza strip, were saying

'Israel is still working to cancel the agreement, which threatens to undermine the peace process'

that Israel was trying to renegotiate agreements already reached on Hebron and Israeli troop redeployment.

The Israeli side is still working to cancel the agreement, which threatens to undermine the whole peace process," said Hassan Astour, the Palestinian negotiator. "It seems the Israelis did not understand or have not understood the political explosion yet." The first session of the talks on Monday lasted only 15 minutes and Israeli radio said only the intervention of Dennis Ross, the US Special Middle East Peace Envoy, prevented a

Palestinian walkout. Israel is asking for serious modifications in the Hebron redeployment plan, which should have been implemented seven months ago. Under the original agreement Israel would have kept control of 20 per cent of the Palestinian city of 100,000, in order to protect 400 settlers. da broke out in 1987.

Israel is now proposing to keep troops on hills overlooking the city centre, limiting weapons for Palestinian police and creating buffer zones to divide the Israeli troops from PLO police in

Aid officials in Gaza say that the increasing political frustra-tion and economic deprivation will lead to renewed popular demonstrations before the end of the talks at Erez which are meant to last 45 days. "We advertised for one samtary officer and we had 11,108 applications," said one official. "We had to bring them to our central of-fice in a truck." He said people have little left to lose.

Mr Arafat's wide smiles a Caesarea, which do not seem to be based on any optimism on the part of his negotiators, may be to ensure that Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel, will be held responsible by the US and West Europeans for any breakdown or failure to reach agreement.

President Weizman said he and Arafat spoke about "the re-cent tragedy of gunfire and losses on both sides, and we decided this kind of thing cannot happen again". Mr Arafat's only previous visit to Israel was to express condolences to the widow of the assassinated Yitzhak Rabin.

On returning from Caesarea Mr Arafat swept through the Erez checkpoint in a convoy while Palestinian policemen armed with submachine guns stood with their backs to the cleared road. Despite a recent collision between two vehicles containing Mr Arafat's body-guards - in a crash that killed two guards - the convoy keeps up speed. But apart from Mr Arafat the Erez crossing point is deserted with almost no Palestinians being allowed to work in Israel.

In Gaza, Mahmoud Zahar, the spokesman for Hamas, the Islamic movement, is waiting for the talks to fail. "We don't think this negotiation will bring anything," he said, "The option of the Intifada (uprising) has come back." He added that the atmosphere now in Gaza was similar to that when the Intifa-

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### Taliban fighters advance and pray for martyrdom

The entrance to the Panishir valley was sure death. From an invisible spot on top of the soaring canyon walls, the artillery men of the former Afghan defence minister, Ahmed Shah Massoud, were aiming their mortar shells at the dirt track beside the river with the precision of someone sight-

ng down a microscope. The first mortar crashed against the far side of the canyon wall, 100 yards away from the Taliban road crew who were cowering under a rock ledge. The second shell splashed into the river. The third, in quick succession, hit the road, advancing towards the Taliban like blows from a giant sledgeAfghanistan's Islamic warriors face two formidable enemies in the Panjshir valley, writes Tim McGirk

ing, only the roaring river. A fish jumped. The road crew, who had been glued by fear to the rocky overhang, relaxed and left

their hiding place.

Led by a bearded, pot-bellied clergyman, the Taliban went back to their work, clearing away huge boulders dynamited on to the road by Commander Massoud to cover his retreat from the Taliban forces into the Panjshir valley.

Then the mortars screamed down, loosening rocks from the canyon wall and shooting up

gorge. He nodded. But it was the way to certain death, I argued. "It is the way to Allah," he replied matter-of-factly Before sunset, on the other side of Gulbahar, at the beginning of the Panjshir, I saw hundreds of Taliban fighters hiking in single file up the barren mountain. They would pray and then try to advance higher up the mountain and capture Commander Massoud's gun

they all ran.

emplacements. Hundreds, may die when the assault comes, it is the way to Allah. Or so the Taliban would have us believe. A goateed young fighter named Abdul Hamid gave us a different version of how the Tal-

sixth or seventh mortar that iban motivate their fighters. caught the road crew. One man He jumped into our taxt at the was gashed in the face and his roadblock with his AK-47 rifle, but at least had the decency to pantaloon trousers were stuck snap out his clip full of bullets so that he wouldn't shoot me by to his legs with blood. Another mortar smashed down and mistake. Back at the Russian-made

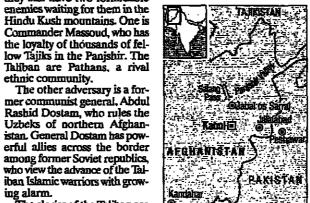
"Follow that bus!" he ortank on the road, I asked a dered. "I waved for the driver young gunner who wore a head to stop, and he drove by, so now bandage under his glittering I want to beat up the driver." The Taliban may control 70 skulkap if he would lead the Talper cent of Afghanistan, but iban charge into the narrow they still have two formidable enemies waiting for them in the Hindu Kush mountains. One is Commander Massoud, who has

> the loyalty of thousands of fellow Tajiks in the Panishir. The Taliban are Pathans, a rival The other adversary is a former communist general, Abdul Rashid Dostam, who rules the Uzbeks of northern Afghanistan. General Dostam has powerful allies across the border

iban Islamic warriors with growing alarm.
The clerics of the Taliban are hoping that General Dostam

hates Commander Massoud more than he bates them, but the new Islamic lords of Kabul may be wrong in that assumption. The general yesterday closed off the Solang tunnel which leads into his northern domain, and fighting broke out below the tunnel's mouth, at Ja-

bal os Sarraj. The Taliban's chances of pris-ing Commander Massoud from the Panjshir are greatly diminished if they have to divert their forces over to fight General Dostam, who has MiG fighter-planes and hundreds of tanks at his command.



### Sales of the drink with pink balls go into orbit

DAVID USBORNE New York

Pardon me while I get the mucus out from under my tousils. One second. There, that's better. Now I can tell you all about this seriously odd drink I've just tried. It's called Orbitz and it has these little gelatinous glob-ules suspended in it. Funky, is the word - it's retro-cool, Six

ties hip, funky. Bobbing around in there, those cute little dumplings give the bottle the look of a lavalamp. Well, all right, lest the makers of Orbitz, clearly Canada. dian, get buffy - the du aren't really mucus. What they are is hydrocolloid gellan gum. My Orbitz was blueberry, melon and strawberry flavour and

the balls were pink. On shelves across the United States and already a backto-school hit, Orbitz is just the latest of a string of zany conconctions to come out of the North American drinks industry. Another that has attracted some attention lately is Water Joes ordinary bottled spring wa-

Whatever happened to tap water, or even just regular tea and coffee come to that? The an-swer, of course, besides the cut-throat competition between the drinks companies, is the ap-parently bottomless desire of American consumers for anything new. "Beverage makers are getting desperate," says Al Ries, a New York industry analyst. "They're looking for the next big hit and they feel they need something really crazy". So why not something like Orbitz that you can't even drink through a straw?

Water Joe, now availabe in 45 US states, was the brainwave of 29-year-old David Marcheschi. who, as a student, wanted a caf-feine kick to keep himself going but not cola nor coffee. His favourite drink was water. Why not caffeinated H<sub>2</sub>0?

And what else did I find in my nearest Madison Avenue deli this morning? Packaged in a miniature, silver milk-churo bottle, I have PURDEY'S original, a "sparkling herbal and multivitamin fruit juice drink" (Horrible). Next comes Ginseng UP ICED TEA, meaning lemon with ginseng. There is JONES Soda Co, Rasberry Soda - with a monochrome photograph of a pair of cowboy-boot clad feet on a pavement, odd. Thank goodness I have also

found this: HILDON - "an English, natural mineral water of exceptional taste". At the top of the self-consciously refined label there is a little gold coat of arms and the motto -"De Gustibus Non Est Disputan-dum". It tastes like water.



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### international

Show me his socks . the desperate plea of a mother in Banja Luka's warehouse of death



Radojka Todorovic, supported by her husband, Nicola, in the warehouse with the contents of the mass graves. Dr Karan is showing them the skull he wants them to identify so they can bury the remains of their son, Radovan

ficult for you to face this fact."

Outside the warehouse, it

was Nicola who wept while

Radojka tried to find comfort

at Glamoc. That is what we were

old man, though we cannot

find him now. Radovan has a

mechanical engineering degree

from Banja Luka university - he

And Radojka rummaged in her handbag for her picture of Radovan. "We left all the oth-

er photographs of him behind

when we ran away from our

home in Sanski Most," she

said. "There was a lovely picture

of him with his girlfriend, tak-

en on his university graduation

day and we have lost it now."

I would be crossing the old front line to Sanski Most in a few

days' time, and Radoika's face

lit up. "Will you go to our

home, please? The address is

14A Braca Jugovic - it used to

be called Braca Todorovic.

There is a Muslim family in our

house now. Will you talk to

them and tell them they are

not our enemies. But will you

ask them, please, if they have the picture of Radovan with his

girlfriend? I would so like to

I mentioned that by chance

graduated in April last year."

#### significant shorts

#### Surgery success for the Pope

The Pope had his appendix removed yesterday and doctors said that the "textbook" operation was a success.

Francesco Cruenti, the a message of peace for chief surgeon at the Gemelli Moscow's Cold-War foe, beautiful told a message of peace for bospital, told a news conference that the operation had allowed doctors to exclude the presence of other diseased tissue and was firm in ruling out another tumour. "There are no secrets," he said. "He has never had any other growth [since 1992]." Reuter - Rome

#### Air clash in the Aegean A Turkish F-16 fighter air-

craft crashed after being intercepted by Greek warplanes near the eastern Aegean island of Chics, and one of its two pilots was missing, Greek Defence Ministry officials said. Greek

Swiss refuse naval forces picked up one Turkish pilot and took him to a hospital on Chies, just off the Turkish coast. No shots were fired during the interception. Reuter - Athens

#### **Dutch** sex tourist jailed

In the Netherlands' first court ruling on sex tourism. a local court sentenced a 43-year-old Dutchman to five years in prison for having sex with child prostitutes. some as young as 11, on a visit to the Philippines. AP - The Hague

#### Lebed offers message of peace to Nato

Alexander Lebed, the Russian security chief. entered the nerve centre of Nato's military machine with

"The planet earth needs reason and intelligence and not wars. Let it be so," he said. Mr Lebed, for 20 years a soldier in the Warsaw Pact pitted against Nato, scrawled in the visitors' book at the alliance's command centre in southern Belgium. General George Joulwan. Nato's Supreme Allied Commander in Europe (Saccur), wrote: "Together we can make it happen". Mr Lebed said that Russia would take part in any follow on force to the alliance-led peace mission in Bosnia which ends in December. Reuter - Mons

### cattle airlift

Switzerland rejected a gen erous offer of political asy-lum for 230,000 cows sentenced to the knacker's vard on the pretext that their herds harbour BSE.

The World Hindu Organisation had taken pity on the sacred beasts, offering them safe conduct to Nepal. All they asked of the Swiss was the cost of the air tickets. The Swiss were not unsympathetic to the Hindu solution. In the end, however, they baulked at the bill; air fares alone would have amounted to SFr320m. lmre Karacs – Bonn

#### skull to Radojka Todorovic. "This is your son's head," he **BACK TO** said. "Can you not see the in-cision over where the right ear **BOSNIA** was? That was the operation he had on his ear. This is your boy."

The Serb coroner held out the

Radojka raised both her

Continuing his series from the former Yugoslavia a year after the ceasefire, Robert Fisk shares the horror of identifying a loved one's remains

arms, looked at the skull and then down at the terrible reboot?" he asked, his voice rising in irritation. He dearly wanted mains at her feet. There was a rib cage partly covered by a rotted T-shirt, a mouldy pair of Radojka to accept that this heap trousers and a pile of dark of bones and decayed flesh was Radovan, the earnest, tousledflesh. It had lain in the mass grave at Glamoc for almost a tograph she carried in her year. But Radojka Todorovic ighandbag. She was weeping now and her husband, Nicola, tall but nored both the overpowering stench and Dr Karan's conviction that this pathetic, awful head bowed, touched her on the heap was 27-year-old universiarm. She nodded. Yes, she wantty graduate Radovan Todorovic. ed to see just one sock. her only son. "I want to see his socks," she cried. "I knitted his 'If she persuaded

socks before he went to the front. Show me his socks herself this was not then I can identify him." All around us in the dark and her son, she might terrible warehouse lay the dead, yet see him alive' 107 of them, Serb soldiers and

civilians alike, 12 women among them, the oldest aged 90. Most Dr Karan pulled out a long appeared to have had their knife and cut away at the mudskulls beaten in or to have been shot at close range. They caked army boot. Then, with had been placed in ghostly gentle, appalling ease, the foot detached itself from the body ranks, numbered according to the mass grave in which the and the Serb pulled it out of the Croatian troops had put them boot, cleaning the sock with his knife. Radojka put on her spec-tacles. "I never knitted that," she in the last days of the Bosnian war, always supposing the war has ended. It was hot in the said. "I knitted him three pairs warehouse and Dr Karan, the of socks but that's not one of coroner, a thick-bearded giant them. I know my knitting. That's not a pattern I'd knit. of a man, held the skull in one hand and swatted the flies from This can't be Radovan." his face with the other. The coroner was angry now.

"You want me to take off the

Bonn (AP) - A Bosnian Serb

has been charged with genocide

corpse, to get them all packaged into the cheap wooden coffins piled at the back of the warehouse, each stamped with a black Orthodox cross. Look, black Orthodox cross. you must understand that solthers at the front share things," he shouted at Radojka.

"It rains, they get wet, they borrow their colleagues' clothes. It gets cold in the front lines. He must have been wearing some one else's socks. All the men with him were killed. They are around us in this room. The body was found in the right locality. The group he belonged to is the right group. He is the only one unidentified. He had the operation. You have seen

But Radojka, an image of im-mense courage and pitiful hope, shook her head. "I knew another boy who had the same operation." she replied. "Why not get the doctor who performed the operation on Radovan and ask him to look at the skull?"

Beside Nicola, the chief Bania Luka police forensic scientist, a young man with a kind face, looked into Radolka's eyes. He and his colleagues had walked through minefields to retrieve the bones of his countrymen, He had identified 70 bodies and had dug up all these bodies

he wanted to be clear of another behind the post-war front lines. And he understood the woman's predicament: if she could persuade herself this was not Radovan, she might yet see him alive - but if Radoika were wrong, she would be losing the

chance of burying her son. Dr Karan tried to be reasonable. "The boots are size eight. That is the size of Radovan's boots," he said. "You

'We left all the other photographs of Radovan behind when we ran away'

say you don't recognise the front teeth in the skull. But his military medical report and dental papers say he had fillings on one side of his mouth and that opposite the fillings, his sixth tooth was missing. And the sixth tooth in this skull is

And Dr Karan picked up the skull again, contemplating it like a Serb Hamlet. "Please listen to me, we shall try to help you but we can't do more for you -Radovan and all his comrades were killed. I know it is very dif-

I promised that I would knock on her old front door and ask for the picture. She obvi-Germany accuses Serb of 25 murders ously accepted, in some sense, that Radovan was dead. Indeed. she had acknowledged the fact an hour earlier, when we had found her sitting, head in her hands, outside the coroner's office. "I have had enough of life," she had wailed. "I'm finished.

> Tomorrow: Robert Fisk goes to Sanski Most in search of the miss-

#### in recalling her son's life. Radovan, like most Bosnian Serb university graduates, was **[he** among the last to be called up to fight - which was why the best and the brightest died last. "He left home to fight on 21 Au-**New York** gust," his mother said. "He was captured alive by Croat soldiers on 8 September,

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The suspect, identified only as 49-year-old Nikola I, was ar-rested in Duesseldorf last Defor allegedly mardering Mus-lims — including two women cember. He was the second Bosnian Serb to have been arand a child - during the Bosnrested in Germany on charges related to ethnic cleansing dur-ing Bosnia's civil war. The first, ian war, federal authorities announced yesterday. He is accused of killing one Dusan Tadic, is on trial at the International War Crimes Triof his 25 victims by putting # bunal in The Hagne.

Nikola J is accused of genocide, marder, kidnapping and extertion, said the Karlsruhe

In June 1992, he and anotha group of Muslims in Graps-ka, killing 22 people, including three women and a child, the prosecutor's office said.

np Muslims in Sevarilje. He called two people out of the group and ordered a member of his unit to shoot one.

"The soldier did this," the agency said. "After that, many shots were fired, either by the suspect himself or by the soldier he gave orders to, killing the

wonderful boy. They killed the only son I ever had."

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### Eiddon' **Edwards**

Keeper of Egyptian Antiquities at the British Museum from 1955 to 1974. The crowning glory of his keepership was the organisation of the large Tufor which he personally selected objects to be loaned from the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

Born in 1909, Edwards was educated at Merchant Taylors', where he mapped out his future scholarly career by becoming in-terested in Hebrew and Arabic, and then at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he read for the Oriental Lan-guages Tripos. When in 1934 he joined the Department of Egyptian and Assyrian Antiquities of the British Museum, his attention turned to ancient Egypt, especially its language. As early as 1937 he translated Egyptian texts for the catalogue of the British Museum exhibition of sculpture in the collection of G. S. Gulbenkian.

Edwards belonged to the generation of distinguished British Orientalists who, because of their specialised knowledge, spent the Second World War in the Middle East. He was seconded to the Foreign Office and served in the British Embassies in Cairo and Baghdad and later in the Secretariat in Jerusalem. His stay in Egypt en-



gendered his interest in pyramids. When, after the war, he returned to the British Museum. he published The Pyramids of Egypt (1947), one of the most widely read books on ancient Egypt, in which he hits on a formula which combines readability and popular appeal without conceding any scholarly

Edwards's bibliography runs to some 80 publications. The Pyramids of Egypt is a legend and many of us associate personal memories with it: I remember vividly haggling over the price of my first paperback copy in a back-street shop in Cairo in 1963. In his Oracular Amuletic Decrees of the Late New Kingdom (1960). Edwards published a collection of unusual papyri inscribed in hieratic in the British Museum. The range of his knowledge was formidable and often took one by surprise; for example, he contributed to K.A.C. Creswell's monumental study of Islamic architecture by identifying pharaonic material re-used in later buildings of Cairo.

Edwards was essentially a museum man, a library scholar and an organiser, rather than a 21 July 1909; Keeper of Egyptian field-worker, although he took part in the excavations at Sesehi and Amara, in the Sudanese Nubia below the 3rd Nile Cataract, in 1937-38. His influ-

Eiddon Edwards was the first the 1950s until the late 1980s was considerable. From 1962 until 1988 he served as Vice-President of the Egypt Exploration Society, a British organisation deorganisation of the large Tu-tankhamun exhibition in 1972 voted to the study of ancient Egypt. He was an influential representative of the subject in the British Academy of which he was elected a Fellow in 1962.

He had no hesitation when asked to serve Egyptology in more humble capacities: he was a member of the Committee of Management of the Griffith Institute, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, from 1970 to 1984. His contributions at the committee's meetings were a model of how to combine the scholarly authority, diplomatic skill and gentle persuasion required to deal with a group of Oxford academics. In 1988, Egyptologists recognised his contribution to the subject by presenting him with Pyramid Studies and other Essays, written in his honour by 36 of his colleagues. Edwards was internationally

recognised and respected perhaps more than any other of his British contemporaries, especially in the United States and France, but also by smaller Egyptologically interested nations such as Austria and the Czech Republic. His lecturing skills were renowned for clarity and wit. Many international honours were bestowed on him. Less glamorously, for many years he chaired the Committee for the Annual Egyptological Bibliography, an essential

tool for Egyptological research. Even in advanced age, Ed-wards lost little of his infectious enthusiasm for the subject. I remember how at the 1976 Egyptological Congress in Cairo he was only too happy to skip one afternoon's papers to go to the desert near Abu Rawash, northwest of Cairo, where an Egyptian colleague wanted to show us what seemed like the remains of a new pyramid. He bore the discomfort of a bumpy trip in a jeep without complaint, and reminded us that during the war he had to make the same journey without knowing the precise position of local minefields.

In his retirement years, his involvement in Egyptology, espe-cially at international level, continued, albeit at a more easygoing pace, and was enjoyed by him more than ever. When his failing cyesight made it impossible to keep up with new publications, he courageously set out to record his memoirs, a task he successfully completed a few weeks ago and to the publication of which a younger generation

of Egyptologists may look forward with happy anticipation. In his later years, Edwards was recognised as Egyptology's elder statesman and his experience and advice were in great demand. He was especially proud of serving on the combined Unesco and Egyptian Ministry of Culture Committee for saving the monuments of Philae (for which the funds were partly raised by the Tutankhamun exhibition in London).

Jaromir Malek

Iorwerth Eiddon Stephen Ed-Antiquities, British Museum 1955-74; FBA 1962; CBE 1968; CMG 1973; married 1938 Elizabeth Liste (one daughter, and one son deceased); died London ence on British Egyptology from 24 September 1996.



### **Patrick Matthews**

Patrick Matthews' second career started when he photographed Cecil Beaton's cat in a bed of

The picture had such impact that he decided to make what he could of his beloved daughter Sarah's teddy-bear. When that, too, responded to his lens, he decided with his wife, Mollie, to see if children, who loved their own teddies at home, would enjoy children's books about teddies as well. They did, and Matthews' Teddy Edward" series of children's books was a great success.

There were 19 titles, many of which passed through several editions. Teddy Edward Enterprises went into BBC television in 13 episodes, with Richard Baker as the irresistible voice). There was merchandising. comics, and, best of all travel. Matthews went with his wife and Teddy Edward down the Grand Canyon; he flew to a tiny hotel 18,000 feet up Mount Everest; he survived a trip in a tree-trunk pirogue in the Southern Sahara. up the River Niger to Tumbuk-tu; he took his teddy to India, and Europe At London Airport, the customs officer asked him to open his case. Surprised to find a teddy-bear inside, he then relaxed with a knowing smile: "Oh, that's Teddy

Edward," he said. Patrick Matthews was associated first with magazines; he worked for Conde Nast, the owners of Vogue, writing and il-lustrating, from 1937 to 1939, then from 1946 to 1954 and from 1965 to 1971, nearly 20 years in all. After the Second World War, he was invited to

chemist, 1852; Nikolai Ivanovich

Bukharin, Russian leader, 1888;

start House and Garden as a free-standing magazine (before the war it had been an occasional supplement to Vogue). He asked who were the staff, and was told "You". He was managing editor for three years, and photographed many gardens for the new magazine.

He then became managing director of Vogue Studios, in which capacity he employed and worked with some of the world's most eminent photographers. He was responsible for the photographs taken of the Royal Family in Buckingham Palace by Cecil Beaton on Coronation Day 1953, some of the most evocative images of

After a spell in films, he was asked back into Condé Nast as director and general manager. But the group came under American management, which seemed to exercise the now familiar business technique of streamlining, putting new talent before old knowledge. Matthews took early retirement and bravely started his new

Matthews was clever and lucky to be able to fulfil many of his interests. Through Harry Yoxall, head of Condé Nast, he joined the International Wine and Food Society and, in 1995, became vice-chairman and a life member, and was awarded the society's Gold Medal for his service over 12 vears on many of the society's international committees.

Fine wines, like photography, are now big business, but it was not always so. Matthews led the field in both these fastdeveloping fields. From 1979, he was Editor of Christie's Wine Publications, using many of his photographs on Christie's catalogue covers, in their Wine Companion, and in books on Château Lafite and Château Margaux. He helped Michael Broadbent to revise his Great Despite the variety of his careers, Matthews was no butterfly Vintage Wine Book and he

appreciate the pleasures of the Another of his enthusiasms was flowers: he became so knowledgeable that in 1972 he was invited to start the Inchbald School of Garden Design. Knowledge of butterflies came with the flowers. Two months ago he was sitting in our garden telling me the unwelcome news of his cancer. He said wisely that the challenge at his age was more what he could make of the disease, than what it could make of him. Suddenly, he broke off and pointed out a rare

helped many of his friends to



butterfly to me, saying with a winning smile, "Now, that's what really matters." He edited an anthology, The Pursuit of Moths and Butterflies, containing extracts from Virginia Woolf, Colette, and others.

himself. A Territorial, he rose from Second Lieutenant in 1938 to Lieutenant-Colonel in 1946, and was twice mentioned in despatches, with commands in the field in Normandy and in Belgium. In five years from 1959, he helped the Film Producers' Guild to win 25 awards for documentary advertising films. He led four of their company delegations to the documentary film festivals at Cannes and Venice. For five years he was with Rank Screen Services. His studies at Rossall School and St Martin's School of Art, with four years at Wolsey Knitware as trainee and fashion designer, had helped him to be practical as well as

Matthews had a particular blend of kindness, openness, hu-mour and cheerfulness. Once, in his office, he gave some rather harsh advice to an employee, who said afterwards wasn't too bad: I realised he had Matthewsed me." Patrick Matthews could get almost everyone on his side.

Graham Hughes

Derick Patrick Lloyd Matthews, writer, editor, photographer: born Salisbury 7 July 1914; married 1951 Mollie Berry (one daughter); died Brighton 25 September

### The Right Rev George Henderson

both in the Scottish Episcopal Church and in the clocal

Both as a parish priest and as bishop, he was a dedicated pastor, he was also widely recognised as a staunch up-bolder of the traditional beliefs and discipline of the Scottish Episcopal Church and the abanent in some quarters of what he held precious, such as the ordination of women. caused him great anguish.

Equally staunch was his belief that Christianity is concerned with the whole person, with material welfare as well as spiritual, and he gave practical expression to this by involving himself in politics, making no secret of the fact that he was committed to what he himself called full-blooded Socialism.

In his early years at Fort William this did not go down well with some sections of the community, but as time went by his obvious sincerity and his personality gained him the respect and friendship of many who disagreed with his views. He served for many years on the Fort William town council and eventually became provost of the

He held this position until it was abolished when local government was reorganised in 1975. During his period in of-fice he played an important part in bringing to the area the huge Wiggins Teape pulp mill at nearby Corpach This in turn led to a big increase in the population of the area with a consequent need for more

George Henderson was born in Oban in 1921 and educated locally at St John's Episcopal Primary School and Oban High School. He went on to take a BA degree with Distinction at St Chad's College, Durham, and trained for the priesthood at Edinburgh Theological College. He was ordained deacon in 1943 slightly under the nor-mal canonical age of 23, and for the next five years served as a curate at Christ Church, Mile End, in Glasgow, under a notable priest. Canon William

From Glasgow he returned to his native diocese of Argyll and the Isles as priest-in-charge of Onich with Kinlochleven. In dained deacon 1943, priest 1945; 1950 he was appointed Rector Assistant Curate, Christ Church, of St Andrew's, Fort William, where he remained until he was appointed bishop of the diocese

Although the number of Episcopalians in the diocese is very small, the geographical area is huge, stretching on the mainland from Campbelltown on the Mull of Kintyre in the south almost to Fort Augustus in the north. In addition there brides as well as islands like Arran, Cumbrae and Bute in the 1996.

George Hendersor Bishop of Argyll and the Isles from 1977 round this area by land, sea and to 1992 and Prints of the Episcopal Church 1990-92, was a remarkable personality both in the Societ Fig. 1990-92. and can prove hazardous.

Before becoming bishop Henderson had served as an honorary sheriff and was also a JP. It was a fitting tribute to him for all the service he rendered to the community when he was appointed MBE and was also made a Freeman of Fort William.

In spite of all the demands made upon his time by his church and civic duties Henderson read avidly and was blessed with an exceptional memory, so that long after-wards he could recall what he had read and often the actual page of the book where he had read it.

Equally impressive was his memory for people with whom he had had dealings. Not surprisingly, he accumulated a great store of information which made him an interesting and en-tertaining speaker both in and out of the pulpit and he had a flair for being able to produce



exactly the right quotation for

Despite a normally rather gloomy expression, he possessed great wit and was very good company. He hated being on his own and he and his wife isobel, whom he married when he first came to Fort William, extended constant and generous hospitality to a wide and mixed circle of

George Kennedy Buchanan Henderson, priest and politician: born Oban 5 December 1921; or-Glasgow 1943-48; Priest in Charge, St Bride's, Nether Lochaber 1948-50; Chaplain to the Bishop of Argyll 1948-50; Rector, St Andrew's, Fon William 1950-77; Provest of Fon William 1962-75; Dean of Argyll and the Isles 1973-77. Bishop of Argyll and the Isles 1977-92; MBE 1974; Primus of the Episcopal Church in Scotland 1990-92; married 1950 are the Outer and Inner He- Isobel Bowman; died Onich, Inverness-shire 26 September

#### **Professor Stuart Piggott**

I was sad not to find in the obit- Stuart would have achieved ber any mention of his wife, Peggy, writes Brian W. Holtam. Peggy was also a fine archaeolhusband generously in his work before, during and after the Sec-ond World War, and while they remained together in Edinburgh. Indeed, it is doubtful that years.

uary of Professor Smart Piggott [by Roger Mercer, 27 Septem-fessional, financial and moral support.

Peggy died as Peggy Guido on 8 September 1994, aged 82, ogist. She had supported her and childless. Her compassionate concern for Stuart. whose health was failing, led her to visit him regularly at his home during her last four or five

#### Births, Marriages & Deaths

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Ashton MP, 63; Miss Carling Bassett-Seguso, tennis player, 29; Mr Brian Biownlow, former Lord-Lieutenant of County Down, 75; Mr Paul Channon MP 61: Lord Chelmer, former company chairman and politician, 82; The Right Rev Lord Coggan, former Archhishop of Canterbury, 87; Dr William Cole, Master of Music Emeritus, Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, 87: Mr Geoff Cook, cricketer. 45: Sir Colin Corness, chairman, Nationwide Building Society, 65; Mr Denzil Davies MP, 58; Mr Stuart Devlin, gold- and silversmith, 65; Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, former government minister, 89; Professor Sir Herbert Duthic, former Provost, University of Wales College of Medicine, 67; Sir David Goodall, former High Commissioner to India. 65; Lord Huisham of St Marylebone. former Lord High Chancellor, 89; Mr Henry Lambert, former chairman. Sun Alliance and London Insur-ance, 71: Mr Thomas Malcomson, former ambassador to Panama, 59: Professor Sir Peter Mansfield, physicist, 63: Sit John Margetson, former diplomat, 6% Mr Norman Mischler, Iormer chairman. Hoechst UK, 76; Mr Steve Oveu, athlete, 41: Sir Norman Payne, former chairman, BAA plc, 75; Mr Andy Platt, Rugby League player, 33; Sir Stephen Sedley. High Court Judge, 57; Miss Ir-meard Seefried, soprano, 77; Lord Shaw of Northstead, former MP, 76; Mr Donald Sinden, actor, 73; Mr Bill Tidy, cartoonist, 63.

Anniversaries

Births: Robert de Sorbon, founder of the Sorbonne, 1201; Charles-Camille Saint-Stens, composer, 1835; Emil Hermann Fischer, organic

Alastair Sim, actor. 1900; Jacques Tari (Tatischeff), actor and film director. poser, singer and Beatle, 1940. Deaths: Robert Grosseteste, the ologian, 1253; Claude Perrault, physician and architect, 1088; Sir Richard Blackmore, physician, poet and writer, 1729; Joseph Farwell Glidden, inventor of barbed wire, 1906; Ernesio "Che" Guevara, South American Marxist revolutionary, captured and shot 1967; Andre Mau rois (Emile Salomon Wilhelm Her-zog), writer, 1967; Oskar Schindler, inessman and humanitarian, 1974; Lord Home of the Hirsel (Alexander Frederick Douglas-Home), former prime minister, 1995. On this day: Louis XII. King of France, married Mary Tudor, sister of Henry VIII, 1514; Yale College, in the United States, received its charter, 1701; Captain Cook went ashore in New Zealand, 1769; the first Luddite riots began in Manchester against the introduction of machinery for spinning cotton, 1779; Hobart, Tasmania, was founded, 1804; the first petrol-driven motor bus began op-erating in London, 1899; in Britain, the Labour government fell, 1924; King Alexander of Yugoslavia and Louis Barthon, French foreign minister, were assassinated in Marscilles by a Croatian terrorist 1934; the first London production of the musical show Porgy and Bess was presented, 1952; Uganda became independent, 1962; the breathalyser test came into force in Britain, 1967. Today is the Feast Day of Saints Andronicus Alexandria, St Denis or Dionysius of Paris, St Dionysius the Arcopagite, Saints Eleutherius and Rusticus, St Ghislain or Gislenus, St Louis

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Lectures

Victoria and Albert Museum: Tessa Murdoch, "The James Gibbs Room and the Norfolk House Music Room", 2.30pm. National Gallery: Kathleen Adler, "Peter Blake (ii), Hooray for Holly

wood: British Pop Art and America" Gresham Lecture (City of London School for Girls, London EC2): Professor Ian Stewart, "Games, Graphs and Gaskets", 5.30pm.

Ian Richardson

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Ian Richardson, Head Master, Bancroft's School 1965-85. will be held in the Chapel, Bancroft's School, Woodford Green, Essex, at noon on Friday 1 November 1996. For further details please ring the Head Master's Secretary (0181-505

Luncheons

Lord Mayor of Westininster Mr Robert Davis, Lord Mayor of Westminster, and Miss Carole Franco, Lady Mayoress, were hosts of a luncheon held yesterday at the Westminster Council House, London

Dinners

London Metal Exchange Mr R.K. Bagri, chairman, and the board of directors of the London Metal Exchange were hosts of their annual dinner, held yesterday evening at Grosvenor House, London W1. Mr Jean-Pierre Rodier, President, Pechiney Balzac, was guest speaker. Some 1,500 members and guests of the Exchange also attended.

#### Amendment of pay claim required hearing Smith v Gwent District Health LAW REPORT

Authority and another; Davies v South Manchester DHA and another; Employment Appeal Tribunai (Mr Justice Mummery, Mr J. Shrigley, Mrs P. Turner) 1 August 1996 The question whether some

making a complaint under the

Equal Pay Act 1970 should be allowed at a late stage to substitute a new male comparator for the one originally chosen was one that required an interlocutory hearing before the industrial tribunal. The Employment Appeal Tribunal allowed appeals by Mary Smith and Sian Davies solicitor.

against the refusal of an in-dustrial tribunal, without a hearing to allow either of them to amend their equal pay complaints in order to substitute new male comparators, and remitted the matter for reconsideration by another tribunal.

The appellants, who worked as speech therapists, had presented their claims in 1987. Ms Davies claimed she was doing work of equal value to a male hospital pharmacist, grade II, and that her salary should be increased in line with his. Ms Smith made a similar claim, marning as her comparator a principal pharmacist.

These cases, along with

claims, then lay dormant to await the final result of the lead case of Enderby v Frenchay Health Authority (No 867/86). Nothing further was done in the instant cases until February 1996, when the appellants applied to amend their originating applications to substitute new male comparators. The tribunal chairman refused the application without holding the interlocutory hearing requested by the appellants'

Dinah Rose and I. Mitchell (West Brow, Hampstead) for the appel-lants; Patrick Elias QC and Adrian Lynch (Treasury Solicitor) for the resnonderst authorities and the Secretary of State for Health.

Mr Justice Mummery said the Industrial Tribunals (Consti-tution and Rules of Procedure) Regulations 1993 did not contain any specific power to amend an originating application or notice of appearance. Tribunals did. however, have a power to regulate their own procedure: rule 13(1). That had been held to include the power to amend an amendment meant the appliapplication in order to change cant's claim would certainly fail, the basis of a claim and to add as was conceded in these

many hundreds of similar or substitute respondents. The

rules did not lay down any time limit for making amendments. That power must be exer-cised judicially, having regard to all the relevant circumstances of the case and, in particular, to the injustice or hardship which might be caused to any of the parties if the proposed amendment were allowed or refused. The general principles applicable to amendment in ordinary civil proceedings in the County Court and High Court were also

In the light of those princithe amendment without aninterlocutory hearing.

a chairman to hold a hearing to deal with every application for leave to amend. The appropriate procedure depended on the nature of the amendment and the circumstances in which it was made. An uncontested application to correct a typing error would not require

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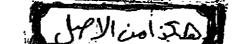
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cases, the application was likely to be contested and was also likely to require closer examination of all the circumstances before a decision could be

In these cases, there were circumstances which required further examination and argument before a decision could be made. For example, why was the application made nine years after the proceedings commenced? The appellants wished to argue that it was because their cases had been stayed to await the result of the the various proceedings, in-cluding a reference from the Court of Appeal to the European Court of Justice, in the Enderby case. It was only once ples, the tribunal chairman a preliminary point in that erred in law in refusing case had been resolved in December 1995 that the need for the amendment in these cases There was no obligation on arose. There was no hardship or prejudice to the respondents in allowing the amendment, but that suffered by the appellants if it were refused was

overwhelming. The respondents contested these arguments. But their arguments should have been made to the industrial tribunal on the exercise of its discretion. They were not made because there was no hearner there was no hearing

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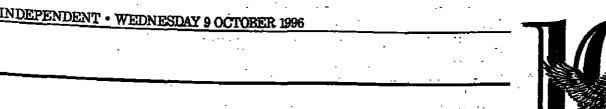
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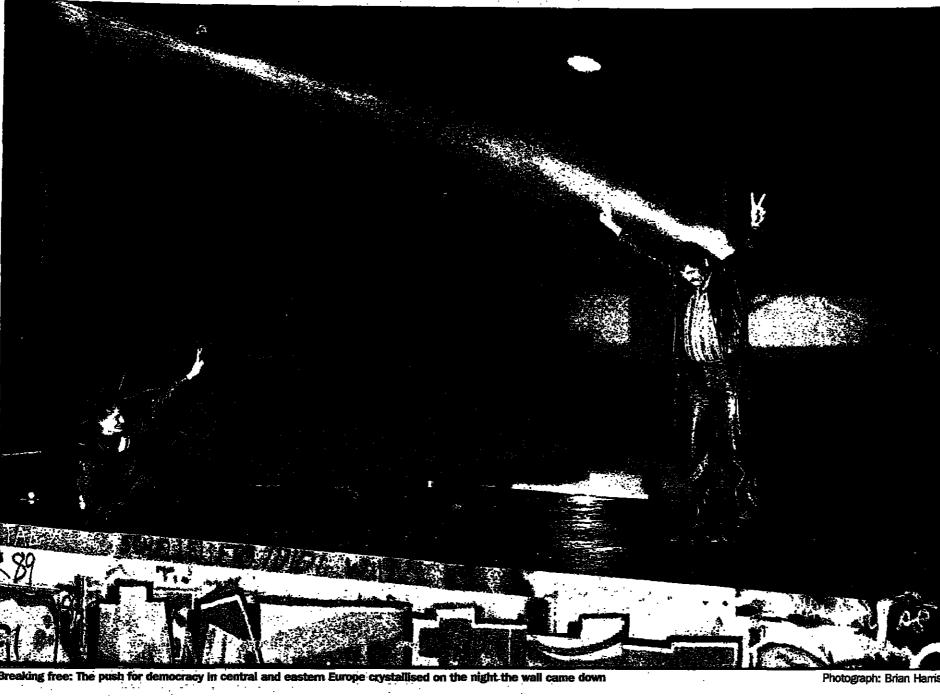
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# Independent Decade



# Revolution!

It was an Age of Revolutions. Some failed, most succeeded. But the years from 1986 to 1996, which saw so much change across the world, transformed our understanding of what a rev

Revolution, says the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary, is either "a complete overthrow of the established government... by those who were previously subject to it" or "a forcible substition of a new ruler or form of government". In other words, a revolution can be a popular uprising or a palace coup, and a degree of violence or up-heaval seems essential for an

event to qualify as revolutionary. The definitions must surely be updated, for neither does justice to the fashion in which revolutions unfolded across the world in this decade. For example, did the achievement of black majority rule in South Africa represent the "complete overthrow of the established government"

by those subject to it? Yes, up to a point. However, the ruling white Nationalists consciously and actively partic-ipated in the dismanting of their political supremacy. Moreover, the legitimacy of black majority rule - the legitimacy of the revolution - rests partly on

the free elections of 1994 that brought victory for President Nelson Mandela and his African

National Congress.

Dictionaries do not like revolutions that involve elections and peaceful constitutional change. Least of all do they like revolutions which take place because the rulers have willingly injected their one-party sys-tems with a lethal dose of democracy. Yet this was the process by which the Poles and Hungarians effected revolutionary change in 1989. They did not storm the barricades in Warsaw and Budapest. They

did not need to. Poland's Communist authorities called semi-free elections in June 1989 in which Solidarity won 260 out of 261 contested seats. Offered the stake of democracy by their rulers, the people seized it and drove it into the heart of Communism.

By September 1989, Poland had a government led by non-Communists, the first in eastern Europe since the 1940s. Yet Communism had not exactly been overthrown; it had been partly voted out and partly negotiated away.

The negotiations between President Wojciech Jaruzelski (who had suppressed Solidari-

Tony Barber examines 10 years which saw democracy sweep away dictatorships across the world

ty under martial law in 1981) and the opposition were vitally important, for in summer 1989 no one knew how much reform the Soviet Union would permit in central and eastern Europe. The talks produced a compro-mise: key security posts in the government were to stay in Communist hands, but otherwise Poland's new leaders were free to build a Western-style market democracy.

Hungary's revolution broke the dictionary rules, too. In October 1989 the ruling Communists renounced Marxism-Lemnism and declared themselves a Socialist Party on West-em European lines. Meanwhile, the government had opened talks with opposition groups on holding completely free elections. These took place in March 1990, when the opposition Democratic Forum swept the Communists from office.

Not a drop of blood was spilt, yet these events constituted a revolution rather more than did the popular revolt of 1956, in which 25,000 people were killed but the Communist system

ultimately remained intact. The most evocative phrase was coined in Prague, where the Velvet Revolution - another peaceful uprising - turfed out the Communists and installed the philosopher-playwright Va-clay Havel as president.

East Germany's revolution fits traditional definitions in that it began with hundreds of thousands of pro-democracy demonstrators filling the streets of Leipzig and other cities, but the unique feature of this revolution was that it abolished not just a political system but the East

German state itself. One might even say that it ing to a united, democratic and course. Watching the rapid rise

ing a complete redesign of the are we tempted to draw a par-European Union and Europe's allel with Napoleon Bonaparte. security institutions. If so, then the new face of the French the chief actors in the drama (Helmut Kohl, George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev) were revolutionaries, while those who initially resisted unification (Margaret Thatcher and François Mitterrand) were

counter-revolutionaries What of the Soviet Union, born out of revolution in 1917, only to die because of a KGBled attempt to preserve Communism in August 1991?

A revolution is supposed to be incomplete if it does not throw up new leaders and political classes, but the recent Russian presidential election pitted Boris Yeltsin, a former Politburo member, against Gennady Zyuganov, the opposition Communist leader. Mr Yeltsin could be classed as a revolutionary from above. He has instigated the largest transfer of property into private hands in history, and shattered 1,000 years of Russian tradition by turning the position of head of

state into an elective post. Yet some would argue that the Russian revolution of our revolutionised Europe, by lead-times has not yet finished its not so incompatible, after

powerful Germany and by forc- of General Alexander Lebed, Revolution, who did not seize power in Paris until 10 years after the fall of the Bastille?

Except in Chechnya, where more than 30,000 people have been killed since the military intervention of December 1994. revolutionary change in Russia has been more peaceful than anyone in 1986 could have imagined. Indeed, some of the bloodiest events in the world have happened in places where peaceful political trans-

formation was attempted but An obvious example is China, where an unknown number died when the authorities crushed the pro-democracy occupation of Tienanmen Square in 1989. Another example is Burma, where in 1988 the forces of repression proved too strong for the forces

of freedom. Broadly speaking, however, the last decade has been a time in which we have learnt to think of revolution as a term with positive, peaceful connotations. Democracy and revolution: it turns out that the two ideas are

### The night Europe became whole again

It wasn't just the landscape of European politics that suddenly changed last night. It was the European cosmos. For or might be a roe deer blown in half most west Europeans now alive, the world has always ended at the East German border and the Wall: beyond lay darkness and demons. The opening of the frontiers declares that the world has no edge any more. Europe is becoming once more round and

This is the best news the German people have heard since 1945. But it's right to look back: at the huge, artfully built frontiers of wire and lights, towbuilt frontiers of wire and lights, to be send minefields, dogs tethered to wires, sensor devices and manuap guns, sanded death-strips, he header of the with guns. There, on the border or the Berlin Wall, hundreds of human beings died and hundreds were maimed. The dogs howled in the night. Sometimes

there would be detonations, and then the screaming which might be human by a mine. That is what is over now.

When the Berlin Wall was built in 1961, the East Germans claimed that by sealing the Berlin border they had saved the peace. Then as now, the outresh of people to the West was threatening to bring about the collapse of the East German state, but in an utterly different world. It was the world of Nikita Khrushchev, and that collapse would have brought the two superpowers into violent collision. Now that reasoning sounds like a bad dream. It is by opening the borders, not by closing them, that the East German regime tries to avert collapse. And the man in the Kremlin is Mikhail Gorbachev, not the man who screamed at capitalism: 'We will bury you!'



Neal Ascherson Berlin, November 1989

But, of course, the East German leaders are still playing games. Their move is both desperate and shrewd. Egon Krenz can live with two possible results of what he has now done. The first is a colossal bolt to the West, which would make the inrush of the

last months just a prejude. If that happens, the Bonn government is trapped. West Germany cannot assimilate a far greater inflow. Instead, Bonn would be driven to provide the GDR with instant and enormous economic assistance and political encouragement - to make it a country worth staying in. It would mean, in effect, committing West Ger-many to Mr Krenz and his reforms. And that Mr Krenz well knows.

The other outcome could be that the population, seeing one of its biggest grievances met, will begin to simmer down. There would be a temporary increase of emigration to the West but then the torrent would slow. This too would be agreeable for Mr Krenz.

It is certainly true that many of these refugees - perhaps most - would re-turn home if their country was more free and its borders remained open. gan to turn into history.

Heimat has a far deeper pull on the Germans than on the British. The trouble here is about freedom. Mr Krenz is gambling that his subjects will now go home and start planning foreign bolidays. But the people are on the move, the biggest spontaneous move-ment of Germans since the 1918 revolution. They want a change not of rules but of regime.

For the moment, the Wall and the

wire stand. But poets often see farther than politicians. Hans-Magnus Enzensberger, in a book published last month in London, predicted the Berlin Wall as a picturesque relic running through a reunited city. Its remains would be coveted by developers but fiercely defended by ecologists and heritage buffs. And, sure enough, last night the physical division of Germany be-



From 1986 to 1991 was a time of radical change. Glasnost and Perestroika in Moscow set the stage. But it was popular revolt which led to the overthrow of Communism in central Europe and the creation of new nations out of the former Soviet Union. The USSR itself crumbled and died in 1991, after an army coup was thwarted. But there was to be no change in China, where troops ruthlessly crushed democracy protests.

### War and peace, the story of mankind

Over the first 10 years of *The Independent* we have seen the most dramatic change in the way we look at war and peace since the Napoleonic Wars and the most fundamental shift in attitudes to national sovereignty since 1648. The turning point came in 1991. The bankruptcy of the Warsaw Pact and the Soviet Union, lead to the end of the Cold War and the break-up of the communist empire. And it has happened under unprece-

dented media scrutiny.
Ten years ago, the Cold War was at its height. So was armed conflict. We had reached the top of the gradient, in terms of the numbers of wars, and their potential destructiveness. In the last decade – for the first time since Napoleon – we have been going

Nobody would have guessed ten years ago that 3,500 British troops would be using a training area in Poland, or that a 1.200-strong brigade of Russian paratroops would be keeping the peace in Bosnia, as one of the units under command of a US general.

Nor, for that matter, would anyone have imagined the prospect of a largely united international community taking on a Middle Eastern dictator armed with ballistic missiles and chemical weapons, and winning in textbook fashion - one of the most spectacular military victo-

ries of all time. At the core of these changes has been the break-up of the Warsaw Pact in 1990 and the Soviet Union in 1991 - which spelt the end of the Cold War. Only now that East-West tensions have been relaxed has it become apparent how close we were to the Third World War.

When Germany was reunited the Bundeswehr found hundreds of East German vehicles in their bases full of fuel, ready to roll. And until the mid-1980s the Soviet General Staff was still trying to plan for winning a nuclear war - an impossible task.

In desperation, both sides sought ways of limiting the damage from Armageddon: the US with the Star Wars initiative of 1983, the Russians by planning to win quickly using conventional forces before Nato could take the decision to use nuclear weapons. Only in 1986 did they really see sense, and begin dismantling their machinery for

fighting total war. The reversal of the race to nuclear Armageddon was remarkable. In 1987 the US and Soviet Union signed the Inter-mediate Nuclear Force (INF) Treaty, resulting in the destruction and withdrawal of Soviet SS20s and US ground-launched

craise missiles. It was followed by the Strategic Arms Reduction agreement and the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty, which slashed the amount of weaponry between the Atlantic and the Urals.

There are grounds for hope that the most powerful states



Defence Correspondent

have renounced war against their equals as an act of politics
- ending a period of nearly 200 vears since Clausewitz began to codify the aims of international conflict and its tendency to become more extreme.

But at the same time technology has given the Western powers the ability to use a big stick against lesser fry with impunity. The US would never have attacked Iraq at the end of August if only primitive tools had been available, putting significant numbers of US troops and pilots at risk.

The last decade has seen increased reliance on remotely controlled, high technology weapons able to hit accurately. eliminating or significantly reducing the risk of casualties to the side delivering them.

But this trend could be dangerous, inducing those unfaundertake it too lightly. The end of the Cold War stand-off, combined with increased reliance on high technology brought another revolution: the demise, after 200 years of conscript armies.

Internal conflict, and disorder appear to be on the increase. This year's authoritative yearbook from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute noted that for the first time all the major armed conflicts in progress - 30 of them in 1995 - were internal.

The ending of superpower confrontation, and the risk of set ting off the Third World War, also permitted the biggest change of all: a new readiness to

intervene in other people's wars. The watershed came in 1991. The Gulf war Allies were unwilling to move deep into southern Irao, for fear of becoming trapped in Iraq's internal affairs. Yet only a month later, they Saturday, 9 November moved into northern Iraq, to

protect the Kurds. But as the former UN Secreclearly witnessing what is prob-ably an irresistible shift in public attitudes towards the belief that the defence of the op-pressed in the name of morality should prevail over frontiers

and legal documents". The shift in attitudes was partly driven by the media, leading to the widespread cry "something must be done". Not only did we report the changes in international security in the last decade: we contributed to them. when I woke up.



### Rivers of blood in the killing fields

Just across the Drina river from the sleepy town of Ljubovija, a slaughter is said to be taking place: possibly the biggest mass execution of Muslim prisoners by the Bosnian Serbs in more than three years of war.

According to residents of the Bosnian Serb-controlled town of Bratunac and Serbs from Serbia who have visited the area, as many as 4,000 captured Muslim men from Srebrenica have been killed by Bosnian Serbs driven to brutality by a desire for vengeance. One Serb who claimed to have seen the main execution site, a playground in Bratunac, spoke of a field "knee-deep in blood".

Foreign journalists and aid workers have been prevented from visiting Bosnian Serb detention centres to determine the fate of the thousands of Muslim prisoners of war taken from Stebrenica last week. Bosnian Serb police strictly control the border with orders to keep out prying foreigners. But they have been unable to stop whispers of the ongoing slaughter from crossing the bridges into Serbia proper.

On Tuesday, two young women crossed the old iron bridge that connects Bratunac with Ljubovija on the Serbian bank of the river. Neither wished to be identified but one, a resident of Serbia, said she had just been to visit her brother-inlaw, a Bosnian Serb soldier.

"He and his friends are quite open about what is going on," the woman said. "They are killing Muslim soldiers. They said they killed 1,600 yesterday alone and estimated that in all they had killed about 4,000 men. They said they were in a big hurry, so they were shooting most of them. Only the known war criminals, the ones that they have been looking for, had their throats slit."

The Bosnian authorities estimate that 10,000 people are still unaccounted for. But the horror stories now surfacing refer specifically to men who surren-dered or who have been taken prisoner. The two women said the killings were going on at "the playground" – earlier described as a stadium – and at a school near some kind of warehouse. Testimony from all the
Photograph: Tom Pilston other sources mentioned these

school near some kind of warehouse. International Print Journalist of
the Year award in 1995 for his
coverage of Srebrenica.



Bosnia, July 1995

same sites Other witnesses spoke of having seen a dumper truck full of corpses parked at the roadside near Bratunac. Next to the truck was an earthmover digging a large hole, pre-

sumably a mass grave. The reasons suggested for the reported brutality go back to the first year of the war when Muslim soldiers from Srebrenica managed to break the siege of the town and razed several nearby villages, killing many Serb civilians in the process. Now that Srebrenica has been overrun, the Serbs want revenge.

The reported killings, however, do not appear to be random acts of revenge. According to one resident of Bratunac the local authorities issued an open invitation to all Serbs who lost relatives in the Srebrenica Muslim raids to report to the playground "to avenge them-

Although the Bosnian Serbs have agreed in principle to allow the International Committee of the Red Cross into the detention camps when the "security situation allows", there are fears that by the time they gain entry it will be too late to determine the full extent of any abuses.

Already, refugees from Srebrenica say that evidence of fighting and bloodshed has been cleaned up. Jela Batkovic, a 66vear-old woman who returned to Srebrenica on Monday, after all Serb refugees were invited back by the Bosnian Serb government, said: "There are no signs of fighting at all. Srebrenica is little more than a ghost town; it is an eerie place." Robert Block won the Amnesty

### 'Good people wouldn't be capable of this'

The usual wake-up call, this time at 7.20am: dull booms, in threes, twos, then barrages of six. All phone lines tary-General, Javier Perez de Cuellar, said in 1991, just after the decision to move in: "We are clearly witnessing what is probspine-chilling sound. The Croats have set up a mortar close to our botel, just as they have next to hospitals and refugee centres. This may make us a target. Sooner or later, they are going to lay a couple of rounds on us. Sunday, 10 November

I dreamed last night that the army had occupied us. I was arrested and searched. An officer slowly cut a diamond shape out of my calf and ripped the entire skin off. I think that's



Dubrovnik Diary 1991

At 9.20am, Sarah Marojica, the British consul, pinned the Union Jack to her balcony. "This declares that I able to come in here unless I say so,"

she says. Then sniper bullets sang out and I yelled at her to get down. The chambermaid, Mare Djanovic, fiddled with her rosary and said: "Good people would not be capable of doing this.
They must be demons." Later, I passed an open room and saw Mare on the balcony, silhouetted against the sea, arms aloft, pleading with them to stop. It was a sight I shall never forget.

At 1.50pm, I was outside the hotel front door when a movement on the ridge above caught my eye. A head, per-haps a rifle barrel. I was asking the hotel policemen if the Croatian Guards had men there when it hit me. The explosion was astonishing. On my left leg around the shin. It was deafam now in residence. Under the con-, eningly loud, too, and almost knocked sular convention, police should not be me off my feet. I half-crawled into the lobby and called out to two journal-

ists nearby. I remember saying, "Tve been hit" and they dragged me out of the sniper's line of sight.

Tuesday, 12 November
Worst day so far. The gunboats start-ed firing after 11am and hit the city's

When I rolled up my trouser leg, it looked bad, bleeding profusely from two wounds. I turned hot and felt faint. Peter produced a hip-flask of Scotch, but a friendly refugee who was also tending me appeared to empty most of it herself. A Red Cross doctor, Didier, bandaged me. I was well enough to sip a beer as my good luck sank in. Monday, 11 Novemi

I got to the Medarevo hospital, which is more like a bunker. I was X-rayed and saw bits of metal surrounding my shin. Jon Jones, the Independent photographer, showed up when I was jabbed in the bum. He wouldn't take a picture of me like that, would he? Click, click, click.

Poetry by candle-light as a

clock tower. The hotel is packed with refugees. Shrapuel shattered our hotel windows, cutting children.

Emerging from my shelter in a stench-filled toilet, I see Milo, the barman, still at his post in black suit and bow-tie. Surreal. The locals are horrified. Old Dubrovnik is burning. At night, a local lady joins us. "It's a catastrophe," she says. Someone pours her white wine in the only glass avail-able. "I can't drink wine from a cognac

glass," she says.

Phil Davison was shot by sniper fire while covering the Yugoslav war. În 1992, he received the Granada What the Papers Say award for Foreign Corre-

spondent of the Year.



### nation stands in defiance

In Vilnius, a nation has been reborn. Forty-eight years ago, Lithuania vanished from the map of Europe as an independent state, a morsel thrown to Stalin by the ignoble Nazi-So-

viet secret agreement of 1939. But this weekend, it rose again; first in the modern concrete assembly hall on the bank of the Neris, where the Lithuanian Reform Movement, Sajudis, held its inaugural congress, then across the river, in Gediminas Square at the foot of the old city. The crowd gathered from every direction, slow streams of people carrying can-

Rupert Cornwell Vilnius, October 1988

dles, torches and the longbanned red, green and yellow flags of "bourgeois" Lithuania. As they approached the square, the streams became rivers of their own, of old and young, children on their fathers' shoulders, walking to the soft rhyth-mic chanting of patriotic songs titzdel of Soviet Communist mic chanting of patriotic songs

which everyone knew by heart. Finally, there were 200,000 of them, crushed together under a night sky like black crystal. The mood was of rapture, barely

suspended disbelief, as they lis-tened to songs and poetry long-prohibited. The smell of candle wax filled the air. Behind, halfobscured by the haze of smoke and forest of flags, stood the old cathedral and Gediminas Castle on the hill above, guardians of a sovereign Catholic nation.

The rally was a climax of a hardly imaginable week. Hecpower had chosen a new reformist party leader and effectively and unceremoniously sent his Russian deputy back to Moscow, whence he had come

two years before. But even those belated acknowledgements of the need for change failed beside the inaugural congress of Sajudis.

This autumn, 40 years of bottled-up grievances and frus-trations have been uncorked. For Lithuania, the Baltic states, indeed the entire Soviet Union, the uncertainty is the same:

where will it all end? Rupert Cornwell was Foreign Correspondent of the Year in the What the Papers Say' awards in 1988. Lithuania became fully independent in 1991, the year the Soviet Union was dismantled.

China given a lesson in brute power

The killing around Tiananmen Square started soon after midnight. It was a different army from the unarmed one which had tried to enter the square on Friday night and failed. This one was told to kill, and the soldiers with their AK-47 rifles and armoured personnel carriers with their machine guns opened fire indiscriminately, in the air, directly at the

huge crowds, at small groups, everywhere. Lined up in rows across the Avenue of Eternal Peace, they advanced slowly, shootine all the while, then they would halt and kneel and fire directly into the crowd. They did the same at the southern end of the square. When both ends of the square were cr bullets shone from behind me and auto-cleared, they encircled the thousands of stu-matic gunfire could be heard. The troops dents who had crowded on the Revolutionary Heroes' monument. Dawn broke and riot Andrew Higgins, was behind at Qianmen police moved in with truncheons. Everyone Gate, the front entrance to the square.

expected the army. But no one expected such ferocity, such armour, such numbers.

I was at the southern end of the square at midnight, walking along the main boulevard to see the student barricades. Suddenly, two APCs appeared and roared down the boulevard, one behind the other, smashing through the barriers. They were followed by about 3,000 soldiers. One APC stalled and was set on fire by the mob. I kept walking towards a barricade of buses a mile away, where four lorries with troops and two earthmoving vehicles were trapped on either side by buses and people. Then flares and tracwere advancing on the square. My colleague.



Peking, June 1989

I moved up a side street heading for the as I walked along the pavement. A squad of

prods and batons were running towards me. They jumped me, screamed at me, pointed a pistol at my head and heat me about the legs with their batons. Several soldiers broke ranks and ran to me, punching me, kicking me with karate leaps in the back, thighs and chest. There was pure hatred in their eyes.

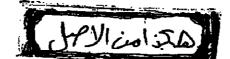
They pushed me down into a kneeling position and had another go at me, whacking me across the back with their rods and kicking, always kicking, until I fell over. They pulled off my speciacles and crushed them. They screamed at me. Then they took me behind a stone lion guarding the gate. If this is the People's Army, God spare China.

The smooth face of the Chinese Com-Avenue of Etermal Peace. I looked behind as I walked along the pavement. A squad of army goons, waving pistols, electric cattle

the Foreign Office has come to believe is the new China and whom it can trust over Hong Kong. "You have committed an unfriendly act," he said. I thought that was a bit much. "You fell over, didn't you? That's why you have that bruise on your arm."

Andrew Higgins was by now crawling in the mud in front of Mao's portrait at the Gate of Heavenly Peace, as bullets whizzed over his head. He said the young soldiers had panicked when they saw the huge crowd. But they were ordered to open fire.

It was a battlefield. It was a lesson in brute power. I blubbed when I got back to my hotel near midday. I couldn't stop. Perhaps it was shock, or maybe it was because of the carnage. I was weeping for the people of Peking I cannot see how they are ever like-



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# Rivers of Sod in the Order' that Order' that only led to tragedy

George Bush promised us the New World Order, "a world where the rule of law, not the law of the jungle, governs the conduct of nations". The Gulf would become an oasis of peace from which the weapons of war would be banned. There would be - so James Baker's letters of invitation to the 1991 Middle East conference in Madrid promised the Arabs land for decade, the entire promise proved to be a lie.

The Kurdish tragedy, initialignored by Messrs Bush and lajor, is still being played out. Within a year, the law of the jungle was turned against the people of the former Yugoslavia and the nations which supposedly fought for the rule of law against Iraq watched supinely as the Muslims of Bosnia were slaughtered. And the Arabs who trusted Bush's promises have discovered that his successor is content to allow Israel to change the terms of the "peace process" and keep Arab Jerusalem and most of the occupied Arab territories.

Even now, few seem to appreciate the power of the explosion that is about to detonate in the Middle East. After refusing to look for the fatal flaws in the separate peace deals struck between Israel and the PLO and Jordan, the world's press is finding it difficult to explain the inevitable collaose. American commentators are insisting that a Palestinian "plot" lay behind the actions of Palestinian policemen to "turn

gir guns" on Israelis last month - Benjamin Netanyahu's phrase obediently taken up by the New York Times' Charles Krauthammer - as if Israeli soldiers had not been "turning their guns" on Palestinians for a decade. The European Union, persuaded to invest in a disastrous peace, has been denied by the US a place at the talks intended to save it. So much for

the conduct of nations. of it. For what is happening in sustain his image as a warrior. the Middle East is nothing less than the collapse of Washing-ton's entire policy, a débâcie that is likely to prove America's Suez. Just 40 years ago, it was President Eisenhower who was

Middle East Correspondent

is trying to restrain America and Israel For the Arabs, the inevitable losers - whom we will be asked to blame - the prospects are even bleaker.

After the First World War,

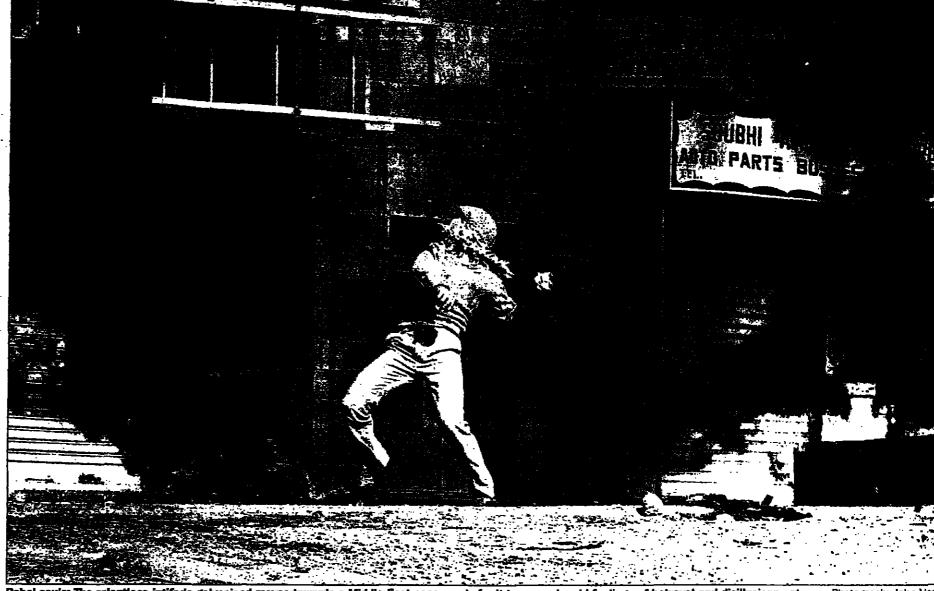
the British and French encourpromised the Arabs land for aged tribal emirs and kings to peace. Yet within just half a rule a divided Arab world. And after 1945, the Americans were content to see their roles taken over by Arab colonels and generals, such as King Idris and his successor Colonel Gaddafi, and King Farouq and his successors Colonel Nasser and General Sadat, Israel's own leaders were almost invariably retired generals or guerrilla leaders - Dayan, Begin, Shamir.

As long as these military cliques obeyed a set of basic rules, they were left immolested. Their job was to suppress revolutions, either communist or Islamist. Only one revolution has come to be tolerated, now that it has been emasculated: Yasser Arafat's. And only one nation was allowed to break UN Security Council resolutions with impunity: Israel.

Now, however, the explosion - or implosion - in the Middle East is sending the first tremors of an earthquake through the barrack rooms of the Arab world. Our friendliest army officers, Mubarak and King Hussein, sold their pro-Western alliance to their peoples on the grounds that they would bring both peace and prosperity - and that America's word could be trusted.

But everything they were promised is now being taken away. A just peace is evaporating before their eyes as a rightng Israeli government refuses to implement signed agree-Perhaps Europe is better out siles into Iraq in an attempt to

And to varying degrees, all these Arab leaders are faced with a violent "religious" opposition. It murders policemen and tourists in Egypt. It sets off trying to restrain Britain, France heads opponents by the thouand Israel; now it is Europe that sand in Algeria. We call them East?



### Mad rain on a morning in paradise

discuss the reasons for their ferocity - but Israel has its terrorists too, who slaughtered Palestinians in a Hebron You could not find a more sleepy lane, meandering through cymosque and murdered Israel's own prime minister. If we are press trees past streams flooded by the night showers. This is to be worried about the rise of fundamentalist states, the Arabs how they used to illustrate parare asking, what has Israel beadise in children's books. That come? True, the Arab kings and was when we were ambushed. generals can continue to sup-I don't like the "we". But you press their domestic opposition cannot stick a journalist's flag with the noose, the torture on top of an Algerian police vechamber, the executioner's sword and the death squad as well as the bogus election. But for how much longer, af-

ter the near-civil war between Palestinians and Israelis? There are few Arabs who now believe in those Western promises just ments and seizes more Arab half a decade ago, of the rule land. An American president of law, of the just peace. What police knew what it was. facing an imminent election is American leadership and not only refuses to criticise Netanyahu but fires off cruise mispromised a new world order. I opened the rear door; a wall
tanyahu but fires off cruise mis-But all Clinton could do last week was to appeal, pathetically, to an increasingly hostile world to "please, please give us a chance to make this thing work in the days ahead ..." Could there be more devastating proof suicide bombs in Israel. It be- of America's weakness and its path to folly in the Middle

mindless "terrorists" - princi-

pally because we do not wish to

ing into the yellow-flowered field to the left. A woman came screaming out of a brokendown house shricking and imploring God and the police to stop the noise. A rain of stones and concrete thundered on to the roadway and the petrol cap of the third van came bowling down the roadway past my face

hicle; besides, the bombers That was when the fourth bomb went off. "Get down, get would have been more than happy to know that they had a down, there may be another," the police commandant shoutforeigner as well as 16 gendarmes as their target. And ed. I looked around me. There was a ditch beside me, a dewhen the first bomb went off, it sounded, inside our leading arserted barber's shop on the moured vehicle, like a tyre other side of the road with Coiffeur des Jeunes painted on the bursting behind us. But the glass door. So we were lying on the ground when the shrapnel The second bomb went off as

and smoke behind the second police van. I looked through my camera at the second car when there was a third blast like a assive door being slammed and, through the telephoto lens, a great curtain of roadway, grass, iron and muck streaming upwards in slow motion. A policeman ran in front of me, fir-

Robert Fisk howling off towards the railway. kind of mad rain on this beau-

tiful morning in paradise. Then there was silence broken only by the crying of the woman and the sound of men breathing and coughing and a voice on a radio asking if anyone was hurt and a policeman saying, very quietly, "God is Great." The gendarmes began were spread out. Then they ran. spraying the trees with bullets, They could be there." And he

pointed to the village of Chaib- noticed that all the windows in its streets. "Or there, or there." His linger swept across the horizon where the sun splashed merrily on the walls of hamlets almost buried behind the trees, We trudged warily into the

fields, the lead cops firing in

Chaibia, November 1989

the rounds hissing into the leaves, then they fired into the fields again, the bullets thwacking through undergrowth and

It was a perfect ambush. The Armed Islamic Group had set the roadside bombs 50 yards apart, four of them to bit the four vehicles of the natrol, each spaced out 100 yards from each other. "They were very professional," the commandant said. "They waited till we got out of our vehicles before they set off the fourth bomb, but our vans

ia, deserted now, not a soul on—the village were open, to spare

wires, splashing through the soggy grass and stunted orchards. That was when we found the detonator lines, leading to four car batteries, carelessly covered with earth. The wires led across the fields and a police fate the GIA had intended for sergeant followed them, pulling m out of the mud and water like that scene in Bridge on the River Kwai when Alec Guinness discovers that someone is planning to blow up his bridge. The line ended on the railway trocks. That's where they had waited for us, three, maybe four of them, listening on their scanners to the police radios. And looking back, I remembered how deserted the fields had been as we approached, even though the orchards behind us

the glass, their owners warned of what was to come.

An old man was cutting grass in the fields. "There were some guys here this morning with hunting guns," he said. "They were shooting birds." But in front of them, looking for the truth everyone in the village must have known what was going to happen. When we left, the people did not look at us, did not even glance at the bomb-dam aged van. It was as if we did not exist - which was, after all, the us. All that was wrong was the distance between the bombs.

"Distance. Keep your distance from each other," the commandant called. And ther he said "God is great" again. The cop beside me muttered "Mohamed is the Prophet of God". Then he turned and said: We had beautiful luck today." Robert Fisk won the UK Press Gazette award for Foreign Cor-

respondent of the Year in 1995 and 1996, and the Foreign Press Association award for 1996, for his were full of workers. And I reporting on Algeria.

### Mandela – the myth made which the second man and face of a struggle

The second secon Nelson Mandela, the myth finally made man, walked out of prison vesterday with a smile on his face, but iron in his soul. He immediately delivered a solemn warning to President F W de Klerk that while he wants peaceful negotiations with the government, he will not cede an inch in the struggle he has been waging for half a century, in the name of the African National Congress, against white-mi-

name of the Congress, a nority rule.
Any notion would prove a the governme comfortable to litical terms of Africa" Mr de Any notion that Mr Mandela would prove a man with whom the government would find it comfortable to negotiate the po-litical terms of the "new South Africa" Mr de Klerk says he seeks were dispelled with his first public pronouncements in 25 years, made to a crowd of 50,000 under the majestic shadow of Table Mountain. He enforsed the ANC's recent calls continue the "armed struggle", to persist with international sanctions against South Africa and to intensify political protest

at home, with the unique authority his words carry. Mr Mandela's followers had endured a wait of several hours with patience for the most part. but on the fringes looters, some of them drunk, broke shop win-



John Carlin Cape Town, February 1990

dows and threw bottles and stones at the police, who responded with birdshot, tear gas and rubber bullets. Police said one looter had died; ambulance staff said the total was four. More than 100 people

were injured. The scene at the city hall was revolutionary. The green, yellow and black ANC flag fluttered from the flagpole and a huge banner saying Nelson Mandela - the nation welcomes you home" was draped over the up-

per balcony. The lower balcony was covered in ANC and South African Communist Party flags. As the dusk gathered, pigeons return-ing to their niches in the Victorian baroque façade found selves with full political freedom. all."

them filled with people perched

Specifically, the government
on ledges and window sills. had to remove the state of Opposite King Edward VII posed, wrapped in an ANC flag, while another pigeon fluttered behind his right ear.

The crowd heaved and swayed terrifyingly, panicked occasionally by the shooting which crackled around its fringes and the fear of tear gas from police and army helicopters which swung back and forth overhead. They shouled down church leaders who kept promising them that Mr Mandela would appear at any moment.

At last, his wife, Winnie, at his side, Nelson Mandela appeared on the balcony. The crowd surged forward and their frustration evaporated into joy as they chanted and punched fists into the air.

Mr Mandela, 71, was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1964 for his role as commanderin-chief of the military wing of the African National Congress. Umkhonto we Sizwe. He declared yesterday that he had not budged in his commitment to "armed struggle", and would relent only once the government had created the conditions for all South Africans to express them-

emergency entirely and release all, "not only some", political prisoners - two steps which Mr de Klerk is not yet ready to take but which, as Mr Mandela noted, the ANC has demanded as preconditions to negotiate the

terms of a political settlement. Mr Mandela, who succeeded in being allowed to walk out of Victor Verster prison in Paari, conceded nevertheless that Mr de Klerk, whom he has met at least twice, was a man of integrity who had moved farther towards normalising political conditions in South Africa than any previous Nationalist leader in 42 years.

Emphasising his loyalty to the ANC and its objectives and strategies, he reiterated, stero in his reading spectacles, the organisation's call for the struggle to continue until "the basic demands" of the people had

His first words to the assembled multitude set the note which he now hopes will ring through all South Africa. "I greet you," he said in a clear voice, "in the name of peace, democracy and freedom for



Smile Africa: An icon for a generation, he went from Robben Island to the presidency

Photograph: Glynn Griffiths

### Scenes of hell on the silent road to **Baghdad**

It is, they say, where Western civilisation began - one of mankind's first towns, identi-fied in the Bible as the home of Abraham. Standing on top of the Ziggurat, the scene looked more like the place where civilisation ended.

To reach it, we had come through apocalyptic scenes reminiscent of the Somme in by airfield. He had been about to order his 1916. And although the war is over and the men to fire when one of his officers noticed allies are going home, the dying may not yet be done.

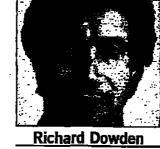
A biting gale drove the ram across the de-serted mudifats. The whole site, including the tombs, has been neglected and some are collapsing. Mounds of earth and pottery are forming mud slides which threaten to refill the huge hole dug by archaeologists, as if the earth had chosen to re-bury a civilisation which had come to this.

The Ziggurat, one of the oldest man-made monuments in the world, was within seconds of being destroyed by allied fire last week. Colonel David Wood, of the 101st Airborne Division, said he had targeted the Ziggurat among bunkers and other military installations when his strike force attacked the near-

the monument on the map.

Less than a mile away is the entrance to an air base. Along the runway Allied bombing has blasted holes you could drop a bus into, along lines of fighter aircraft. I count-

ed 28, ranging from the latest Soviet-built MiG-29 to ageing MiG-23s. Some lie broken- backed or flipped over in the mud as if some vengeful giant had kicked and stamped his way across the air-



Iraq, February 1991

field. Others are no more than shattered heaps of inelted metal. The road past Ur is a six-lane motorway, now virtually deserted except for American he had seen horrific shrappel wounds, burns ing and the ground war, plunges into civil war,

patrols. All along it are the sickening remains of convoys and civilian cars hit by Allied air fire a week ago. The bodies and bits of bodies still lie across the road or have been fixed in cremated motion as they tried to scramble to safety. Near some lorries which have not burned are boxes and suitcases, burst open and exposing the sentimentality of soldiers bringing home a brightly coloured scarf or dress or a pair of children's shoes.

The US forces set up a camp on the motorway five nights ago. On the first night they gave food and water to 1,200 people. Most stayed the night in their cars to keep out of the cold, but American soldiers said the keening and wailing of those who had lost relatives had kept everyone awake all night. Captain Sholla Swift, the commander, said

and many other injuries in the past five days as well as measles, dysentery, malnutrition and dehydration.

Two nights ago, when I stayed overnight in the camp, there was one family of 13, eight of whom had been turned back from Kuwait. Five had been let in. They were in a car piled high with mattresses and suitcases. The children were dehydrated and hungry and the

four-month-old baby died in the night. Captain Swift exploded with rage next morning, demanding to know why his men had not woken him so that he could have got the baby to a field hospital. This unit, like all US forces on the Euphrates, is expected to leave by the weekend. When they go, the last drop of outside help will be lost as the region, already smashed by a month of bomb-

Days of our lives

### Is this the end of history?

Futurology is the mania of the moment.

The waning of the millennium, the foldgle themselves again. Elsewhere, naing of the Cold War chess board, the fast forwarding of technology and eco-nomics have produced a whirl of speculation about the near future of humanity. Will the 21st century bring the end of history, the end of democ-racy, the end of the nation state, the end of western hegemony, the rise of Islam, the rise of Asia?

Predicting the future is like guessing the winning numbers in the lottery: anything you write down looks plausi-ble, until the coloured balls fall into place and what you predicted looks like, um, balls. Or as EF Schumacher said: "Predictions are always unreliable, especially predictions about the future."

in 1986, when the Independent began, the world looked a fairly reliable place: but who predicted the fall of the Soviet Empire within five years? Not us: not the CIA; not Ronald Reagan.

Ten years on the world looks hopelessly formless and unmanageable. The old global battles between various -isms and -ocracies, which (in Western eyes) dominated most of the 20th century, have ended. We are left with a world without an operator's manual; a world without political heroes.

Foreign events appear more confusing than ever: one damned thing after another. The peoples of the world, like the inhabitants of Sleeping Beauty's castle, have woken from their Cold War trance and resumed their own interrupted business, for good or for evil. Some quarrels which had seemed hopelessly tangled - the Middle East, South Africa - have begun to solve themselves. In some cases (Palestine),

tional and tribal emmitties and ambitions which had been anaesthetised by big power politics for decades - Yugoslavia. Chechnya, Afganistan - have sprung brutally back to life.

Attempts to fabricate over-arching patterns - Islam versus the West; Asian values versus western democratic values - can be more misleading than helpful. There is no monolithic Islamic movement against the West, more a series of loosely-connected assertions of national and religious idenilty. Asian values are remarkably ilar to all other early-period, toothand-claw, capitalist values. For Singapore or Taiwan 1996, read Manchester or Pittsburgh, circa 1896. The relatively mature Asian boom economy, Japan,

is already beginning to behave more like

a western consumerist country.

Without offering too many hostages to fortune, some trends are reasonably predictable. Global warming and population increases will make food scarcer; competition from the nearlydeveloped world (and the burden of our own ageing populations) will make sustained growth harder for the west; the shrinking of the globe will make the squalor and corruption of the Third World harder to ignore, bringing im-migrants, drugs, even new diseases, to

our doorsteps.

All these issues have one thing in common: they erode the distinction between domestic and foreign events. If there is one useful, unifying theory about the way the world will turn in the next 10 years, or the next 50 years, it is this. There will be a whirlpool of con-



John Lichfield Chief Foreign Writer

flicting trends and forces setting Globalism in its various forms against Na-

tionalism in its various forms. The world is becoming smaller, more interdependent but everywhere, it seems, politics is becoming more inward-looking. Economic fashion and technological advance are tearing down barriers between nations. At the same time, the end of the Cold War has produced a surge of nationalism and

national introspection. At their most exaggerated the glob-alists predict the collapse or marginalisation of the nation state; even the death of democracy. The future, they say, belongs to a cosmopolitan elite of creative but ruthless technologically-literate individuals and multi-national corporations who will evade national controls, taxes and politics.

Some of this will happen. But we should be cautious. Paul Krugman, the US economist, offers a voice for common sense. "The big questions about trade and technology are a bit like global warming. The principle is not in doubt, but it is a question of scale."

The global theorists also tend to ignore an old truism: every action has a reaction. The backlash against globalism is already under way in the west, and from a surprising quarter. The mar-ket idolatry of the 1980s was associated with radical Reaganism and Thatchersim. In the 1990s, open markets have become centrist orthodoxy - a centrepiece of both Blairism and Clintonism.

In the west, the visible and strident

resistance to free market ideology is coming not from the left but the farright: Goldsmithism and Lepennism in Europe: Perotism and Buchananism in the US. These may seem like marginal forces now but they contain seeds of a potentially, powerful demagogic national-conservative reaction against globalism, maybe even against aspects of modernism, in the next 10 to 20 years.

Both Perot and Goldsmith have made fortunes as international businessmen - in Perot's case benefiting esnecially from the barrier-busting new technologies. And yet both now present themselves as patriotic protectionists. Meanwhile Rupert Murdoch's media empire - the paramount exponent and beneficiary of globalism - encourages editorial policies which preach often petty nationalism. The two forces, globalism and nationalism, not colliding but cynically colluding.

Efforts to respond to the new globalism by establishing supranational, regional or global political structures are not to Mr Murdoch's liking. They are, in any case, frustrated (with the partial exception of the EU) by the absence of any real regional or global con-stituency in support of democratic

In the face of the forces transforming the world, the forces for democracy. phiralism and fair competition have not yet got their shoes on.

The unappealing choice we face is a world dominated and slyly manipu-lated by Rupert Murdoch and Bill Gates or their successors; or, maybe, a series of nations controlled all too visibly by the likes of Pat Buchanan or John Redwood. Most unappealing of all is some form of coalition between the two: a globe controlled undernoc ratically by a commercial oligarchy, disguised at national level by an array of jingoistic illusions and sideshows.

Here is a related paradox. If all the above is a quarter true, the distinction between domestic news and foreign news will shrink in the next ten to 20 years. And yet almost all news organisations in the west - in Britain, in the US, on the continent - are drawing back from foreign reporting, squeezing costs, responding to introspective national moods.

The Independent, which made its name partly on the quality of its foreign coverage, has also been forced to cut back. But we remain committed to a substantial body of reporting on the world. The alternative would be a kind of journalistic disfunction, in which we dwell on the sound and fury surrounding national symptoms, but offer little deep reportage or analysis of glob-al analogies, solutions or causes. Will the Internet fill the gap? Can it replace the kind of enterprising and informed journalism culled from our efforts in the last ten years which fill other parts of these special pages?



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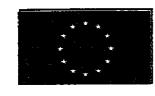
Feeding democracy: Can politics be reshaped to cope with a world where economics is global but politicians think nationally

Photograph: Glynn Griffiths

### Where we have been – and where we will go



The volume of foreign exchange traded in London has quadrupled from \$115 billion each day in 1986 to \$464 billion today. It has expanded much more rapidly than world trade, which has grown from \$2,090 billion to \$5,200 billion. As deregulation and liberalisation have become the new orthodoxy. financial markets have exploded around the world. London has been a beneficiary of that process as the world's premier currency exchange. But the EU is planning a single currency, and Britain may not be part of it. Will the pound still exist in 2006?



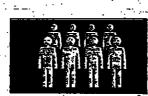
There were twelve members of the European Community ten years ago. Now it is called the European Union and has 15 members. Ten years from now, it will probably have grown to in-clude Cyprus, Malta, Poland, Hun-gary and the Czech Republic and, quite possibly, Słovakia and Słovenia. We could be part of a 20state megalith, stretching from the Atlantic to the Carpathians with nearly 450 million citizens. But depending on political events in Britain, it is conceivable that the EU may have lost a member state by then. In ten years time, will we still be members?



The world was full of nuclear weapons ten years ago. Cruise missiles had been recently deployed in Europe, and disarma-ment was a big issue. Since then agreements between Washington and Moscow have removed shortrange and medium range weapons, and cut long range weapons to a fraction of their levels at the height of the Cold War. Nuclear war in Europe seems unthinkable. But other nations have moved ahead with plans to acquire nuclear apons, notably in the Middle East in ten years' time, will there be no nuclear weapons - or new nuclear powers?

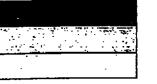


There were two superpowers in 1986: the United States of America, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The latter has gone; the former is now the sole superpower. But the US is finding it hard to get to grips with life af-ter the Cold War, and to define its new role. Some in the US want the country to retrench, and get on with its own problems. The cost of military strength is rising exponentially. Russia is regrouping. And other countries, like China, are gaining in influence and military power. Will America still be the sole superpower in ten years' time?



There were 4.9 billion people in the world ten years ago. Now, there are about 5.8 bil-lion. Of that, 3.5 billion live in Asia. The population of China alone rose from 1.1 billion to 1.2 billion, that of India from 0.8 billion to 1 billion. But the fas rate of change is in Africa, which will go from 0.5 billion a decade ago to a billion in 2006. Europe accounts for 0.7 billion people, and that will barely change between now and 2006. By 2006, it is estimated that there will be 6.7 billion people in the world.





There were two Germanies ten years ago: the German De-mocratic Republic (East Germany) and the Federal German Republic (West Germany). Some people (notably Margaret Thatcher) pre-ferred it that way. But now there is one, the biggest state in the Euro-pean Union. Helmut Kohl was Chancellor in 1986; he still is, a man who sees his country's future as a member of the European Union. It is economically powerful, but politically weak, and struggling to come to terms with unity. In the next ten years, will the new Germany emerge as the dominant state in Europe?



There were 41 major conflicts underway 10 years ago. That represented a steady increase in the number of wars since 1800. But we had reached the top of the gradient, both in terms of the numbers of wars, and their potential destructiveness. In the last decade, for the first time since Napoleon, we have been going downhill. Now, there are 30 major conflicts underway, with warfare increasingly a matter of local strife - however bloody that may be. But peace is still elusive in Bosnia, in the Middle East, in Northern Ireland. Will we go



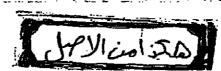
In 1986 the paramount leader of China was Deng Xiaoping, aged 82. In 1996, the paramount leader of China is Deng Xiaoping aged 92. Some things don't change. But many things in China have changed in the last ten years. The prosperity and freedoms of urban Chinese (in all things but politics) have grown hugely. More is likely to change in near future. President Jiang Zemin is positioned to take over power hen Deng dies, but the memory of Tiannanmen Square, when democracy was crushed just seven years ago, is still vivid. Can China change peacefully?



The cost of a transatlantic telephone call has halved in ten years, from £3 to £1.48 for a five minute phone call from the UK to the US. Communication has transformed the world in a decade. In 1986 there were 410 million telephone lines in the world; now there are 690 million, New technology keeps the mo-mentum up: in 1986 there were 700,000 mobile phones in the world; now there are 87 million. Ten years ago there were 2,308 connections to the internet; in 1996 there are 13 million, and growing. How many Internet connections in 2006?



There were 159 UN members in 1986. Since then, the number has skyrocketed: there were 185 UN members as of February 1996. Some are old countries that have joined the UN; most are new nations emerging from the break-up of multinational states: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Entrea, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan have all emerged (or re-emerged) in the last decade. Will nationalism create more new nations out of old?





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### Light at the end of the Eurotunnel fiasco

t is blissful; slipping quietly under the sea with Eurostar, the poetic jects over to the private sector, we reveries of Eric Cantona ringing in your ears, waking up in Paris, no bags to collect, no airport transfer to be arranged. Alternatively families beginning the long trek to an August camping holiday in the South of France can simply drive on to Le Shuttle in Kent, free from the hassles of a ferry booking or the children getting seasick. That Channel Tunnel - it's a very good thing.

The benefits to customers, businesses, and the economy of a tunnel under the sea seem obvious: choice, convenience, competitive cross-Channel travel prices. And the cultural symbolism of a land link between our introverted island and the Continent is welcome, too.

But contrary to customers' and investors' intuitions, the operating company Eurotunnel has been a financial disaster zone. Building the tunnel took two years longer than planned and cost double its original budget. Stuck with debts it could not afford to service, Eurotunnel has settled another comiplex financial deal with its creditors this

week, to keep the company afloat. How could something so self-evidently useful be such a commercial failure? Eurotunnel is a bad advertisement, both to voters and investors, for the Government's Nineties version of privatisation: the Private Finance Initrative. If this is what happens every mism of those determined to get it built

might as well give up now. Investors won't get burnt twice.

But look at it differently. Though a commercial nightmare now, the Channel Tunnel should prove an immense economic success in the long run. Even with hindsight it was better done pri-vately than publicly. And though the Eurotunnel example can never, and should never, be replicated, it is a valuable lesson for both governments and private investors of the benefits and limits of private infrastructure investment.

The bottom line is that the tunnel was worth building. People will use it. If we ever get round to building a highspeed rail link, even more people and businesses will travel under the sea. With the ferry companies now starting to consolidate and reduce the number of sailings, the tunnel is likely to become a veritable gold mine. Part of the problem for Eurotunnel

has been that private investors are unwilling to operate over such long horizons. Had those shareholders and creditor banks known at the start of the project quite how long building would take, how much it would cost, and how slow the returns would be, they would probably never have invested the cash. And we would have no tunnel today.

The fact that our continental link exists at all is testimony to the over-opti-



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whatever the cost. Small shareholders in particular feel peeved. But it is hard to feel too sorry for them. In the short term, they took a risk. In the long term it will pay off, if only they have the patience to stick around. In fact, it could vet prove a needed lesson in long-termism for our inconstant private shareowners and financiers.

Moreover, it is exactly the kind of project that should be privately financed. The problem with many of the projects that fall under the Private Finance Initiative is that they are merely ways for the Government to shift its own capital spending today for-

ward into immeasurable (and possibly more expensive) current costs tomorrow. A privately financed new hospital saves the taxpayer the money needed to build a public one in the short term, but costs us as the NHS trust rents the building back year by year.

Not so the Channel Tunnel. The

eventual customers who pay the final price for the investment are the travelling public, rather than the government. So private investors can recoup their money without placing huge

unanticipated burdens on the taxpayer. More important, the tunnel would have been even more expensive and

even further delayed had it been publicly paid for. The fact that private money was involved proved a big incentive to get the job done faster and contain costs - far more of an incentive than if taxpavers' money had been at stake. The tension between the banks, Eurotunnel's shareholders, and the contracted companies who carried out the digging had far more impact on the eventual bill and completion date than a few officials and politicians com-plaining from Whitehall could ever have done. The entire point of using private finance rather than public finance to pay for these kinds of projects is to give the companies involved stronger incentives to do the work well. By making them bear some of the risk if projects over-run, we reduce the chance of it happening in the first place.

In fact the real failing of the Channel Tunnel project was that it didn't dis-

tribute the risks and the incentives properly. Transferring the risk from the taxpayer to Eurotunnel, its shareholders and its creditors, rather missed the point. The private companies who needed to bear risks and be given incentives were the ones doing the digging: the contractors. Instead, the contractors drove the project from the start, set it up on their terms and paid almost none of the cost of completing late or going over budget. No wonder Eurotunnel got into trouble.

But we should be optimistic about the

future of privately financed infrastructure. Whenever great engineering projects are launched they run up against new obstacles. Unexpected technical problems arise and are resolved, and human knowledge is furthered as a result. The next time we do it better. The same is true of financial structuring. The first great privately financed infrastructure projects were bound to have teething troubles. But the more we learn from the Eurotunnel fiasco, the better we will do it next time.

#### The trouble with boys and science

Have you ever wondered why there are so few women scientists? According to the deputy director general of the Engineering Employers' Federation, women who give their daughters dolls rather than Lego sets are to blame.

Nonsense. There's nothing amiss between girls and science in those early years. Girls do better than boys at every science other than physics - and it won't be long before they eateh up there too. The trouble is that teenage girls are put off by the pustule-cheeked maleness of the science lab, and the machismo of engineering. The fault lies with science. not with girls and their mothers.

#### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •



Private view of Giacometti

#### East German history a bad guide to EMU

Sir: David Miller (letter, 7 October) believes that the initial decline of the East German economy after unification was due to monetary union with West Germany, and deduces from this presupposi-ion that EMU would lead to mass memployment.

I sincerely hope that Mr Miller's

letter is an example of the famous English sense of humour which I fail to understand due to the legendary Teutonic lack of same. Can he really be serious in telling us that the East German economy was once "thriving" under socialism?

The bankruptcy of the East German economy was one of the reasons for the collapse of its government, and the economy was only propped up in its latter years by hard-currency West German loans.

People indeed did have jobs. because in an economy not worried by free-market considerations it apparently did not matter if a . product was manufactured for 1,000 marks and sold for 500. Only after unification did the full extent of the disastrous state of the economy become known.

Although the standard of living has not reached West German levels yet, today East Germany boasts some of the most hi-tech car tactories in the world and a

elecommunications infrastructure

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superior to West German standards. The only valid economic objection against the introduction of the West mark in East Germany is the fact that for political rather than economic reasons, one East mark was exchanged for one West mark, while the realistic market rate was 1 to 7 or even less. And I challenge your reader to find many East Germans who wish back the. pre-West-mark East Germany. Sometimes I wonder why - with

the notable exception of the Independent and Radio 4-the things I read and hear in the British news media about Germany bear so little resemblance to the country I left six months ago to set up business here (which I did because the UK indeed offers many benefits it ought to be proud of and preserve against any EU onslanghts). Dr WOLFGANG HERRLINGER

Sir: David Miller's thoughtful letter compares EMU with the unification of the currencies of East and West Germany.

There is less similarity than he suggests. The currencies were unified at a rate of one West mark to one East mark. A more realistic rate would have been 1 to 5. perhaps 1 to 10. EMU will happen with existing exchange rates. If these are wrong the damage has already been done. They are not, in any case, so far wrong - the currency markets don't allow them to be. Black Wednesday happened when currency misalignment was minuscule compared with the overvaluation of the East German mark at unification.

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As Mr Miller points out, East Germany had been an isolated economy. This is not the case for EU economies. The UK exports between a quarter and a third of what it produces, importing about the same amount. About half of this trade is with the EU. This is fairly typical of EU member states.

It is precisely by avoiding the long-term damage done by Erreucy overvaluation that EMU will confer its greatest benefit. NIGEL ROPER London SE17

#### Women get a raw deal at Trust

Sir: I write with reference to the letters of Lord Kitchener and John Wilks and of Lesley Webb regarding the governance of the National Trust (3 and 7 October). I fully endorse the views of Lesley

As a life member of the Trust for

almost 30 years, whose intention has been to bequeath my modest estate to it; I attended its annual general meeting for the first time a couple of years ago. I was concerned by the masculinity exhibited by the senior officers of the Trust, and shocked by the sense of hostility to those ordinary members who wished to speak from the floor. "Paternal" and "patronising" are modest terms in describing that occasion.

I have not yet received the most recent annual report. I magine, however, that the pattern of bequests varies little from year to year: 70 per cent of bequests of 22,500 and over reported in the 1993/94 report came from women esley Webb's "great and good" were scarcely represented in the list.

I note that more than 25 per cent of both elected and nominated members to the Trust's council are women: in contrast, women represent fewer than 10 per cent of the executive committee. At the meeting I attended, the only woman senior officer was the head of personnel. Thus, the Trust apparently conforms to the stereotype masculine organisation in which the token woman departmental head is put in charge of that part of the organisation's activity perceived by top management as "a suitable job for a

woman". Like Lesley Webb, I have cast my vote for the motion. I fear, however, that we ordinary members will have little influence on an executive committee which contains only half of the elected members of council and which is dominated by persons who are not elected members of its council. JOHN THEAKSTONE

#### Time for honest political debate Sir. You have invited views on the difficulties facing politicians in their

from the Editor, 5 October).

at the moment. themselves, and confident enough to allow disagreement and differing points of view to be heard. The fun they do now with the famous alleged "sphts" if internal debate were regarded with benign maturity commanded respect and won loyalty, even the most self-indulgent of critics would gain little support trying to undermine that leadership through destructive criticism.

### Blackburn, Lancashire

treatment by the media (Letter The run-up to an election is a feverish time. We sadly cannot expect too much honest debate just

But how did we get here? We lack leaders who are confident in media would not be able to have the instead of panic. Similarly, if leaders

It is a case of "do as you would be done by". Straightforward, reasonable, capable leadership cannot be portrayed as authoritarianism; timid vacillation,

#### or "followership," deserves to be exposed for what it is. My

grandfather used to look for three qualities in politicians: honesty, competence and conviction (intellectual, not criminal). When he found politicians bereft of any of the above qualities, he really began to worry.
We haven't reached that stage

yet. There must still be many sincere and decent people left in all narties. But to the winner of the next election, the spoils: a chance to try to set the agenda, to avoid dancing constantly to the media's tune, and to be honest about what can realistically be achieved in a medium-size developed country at the end of the 20th century. STEFAN STERN London SW12

Sir: Yes, let us have TV debates (leading article, 8 October). But not just Major. Blair and Ashdown - we are electing a team, not a president.

Let us have Clarke, Brown and Bruce debating the economy: Howard, Straw and Beith on crime; Rifkind, Cook and Campbell on foreign policy. Add education and health, and you have six debates over the three-week campaign; not too many, surely?

They could be shared between BBC and ITV and would be the high points of the campaign, requiring something more substantial than soundbites and picture opportunities. We should be satisfied with nothing less. DT JOHN CAMPBELL

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#### Antidote to paracetamol

Sir: As a doctor working in accident and emergency, paracetamoi overdoses are the bread and butter of my weekends, along with drunks and sprained ankles. As Dr Geoffrey Brandon says (Letters, 7 October), the vast majority do not come to any lasting harm. This is often by luck alone.

Those who overdose feel perfectly well for 48 hours or so. After this time, it is too late to give the antidote effectively - the harm to the liver has been done, and may be irreversible if it is severe enough. We need an education programme to encourage "impulsive" overdosers to seek advice during this period, assuming that they have

decided they do not want to die. For reasons I can only guess at, inclusion of the oral antidote. methionine, will never catch on. A simpler measure would be to sell paracetamol only in packs of eight (the maximum safe daily dosage) rather than hundreds at a time. Of course, people could trail round several shops or pharmacies and pick up enough to harm themselves, but it might deter

mpulsive cases, of self-harm As Dr Brandon says, they might "simply overdose on something else". Those intent on harming themselves will always find a way. But should this really deter us from attempting to tighten up paracetamoi? Dr ED WALKER

Information Centre (letter, 7 October) is disingentious. Many (perhaps most) of the people who overdose on prescription or overthe-counter drugs do not intend to kill themselves; their wish is to provoke medical intervention so that someone will take some notice of them and their problems. Complete recovery from the overdose is what they hope for and expect. SIMON GAZELEY

Sir: Dr Brandon of the Paracetamol

#### Small comfort Sir: In June 1995 I travelled on a

train which was over an hour late arriving at Euston. I claimed under the Passengers Charter and was awarded a voucher for £10. Early this year, in similar circumstances, was awarded a voucher for £5. On 1 September I was on another train artiving over an hour late at Euston. In answer to my claim I have just received vouchers for £3.

Is this what is meant by bringing down the rate of inflation, and should I feel good about it? CLIVE BARKER Hinckley, Leicestershire

#### Fragrant fields

Sir: Organic fertiliser doesn't have to be smelly (letters, 7 October). Animal manure which has been processed in a biogas digester loses its smell, gives off useful energy and loses nothing of its fertilising ability - in fact it is improved. Every time I pass a smelly pig farm I think the smell represents profit the farmer is missing. Perhaps there should be a tax on smell. **EGMATTHEWS** Wimborne, Dorset

#### A dairy farmer appeals for help

Sir: For the moment the BSE disaster is not making the headlines. I would like to give people an insight into how it has affected me and my family and many like us, to see if there is anyone who can help us out of this nightmare.

I run a herd of 120 cows and produce 700,000 litres of milk per year. My farm is rented and we have borrowed heavily to make the facilities as comfortable for the cows as we can afford.

Our milk production is restricted by a quota system. In 1984 our quota allocation was 37,000 litres approximately, which was a 10 per cent cut on what we produced in have been cut another 10 per cent in various lots. This seems crazy, for as a nation we are not selfsufficient in dairy products.

If you want to produce more, you have to buy or lease in more quota. We have always leased, not being in a position to buy. In the last two years the price has gone up to an average of about 12p per litre per year. This year, because of the huge backlog of cows waiting to be culled but still giving milk - on BSE grounds they are not permitted to be used for meat because of their age - the price has reached 17.5p average. This price is totally uneconomic but has to be paid just to stay in business. Our average milk price is 25p a litre. If we overproduce we are fined 31p a litre. but the milk is still sold and used by

the dairy companies.

The outcome of this is that we will have to cull 50 cows. These cows would have had several years of productive life ahead of them. Also, our young bull calves are being slaughtered at between 4 and 20 days old, for which we are paid £90 per calf. This all goes completely against what we are about in farming. We farm because we love the countryside and the tending of animals.

I went into farming to continue from my father what I thought was worthwhile job to produce wholesome food. My father went into it because he as a prisoner in Burma had always been hungry. We are desperate for a way forward. TIM EDWARDS Burford, Oxfordshire

#### What we should call Diana

Sir: In her article on Diana, Princess of Wales (27 September) Ann Treneman follows others in using the non-existent title of King Mother in relation to the Princess. I have even seen this invention in a book by a supposedly knowledgeable writer. I assume someone has misinterpreted the title of the present Queen Mother.

A queen mother is a widowed queen whose offspring, male or female, is the current sovereign. Diana, following precedents here and abroad, could be styled Princess Mother, but she could never be Queen Mother without first being a queen. MICHAEL ABLEY

Sir: If as Ben Pimlott suggests (3 October) the Queen tends towards the left in politics. I presume that we can expect to hear shortly that Tony Blair is now in favour of the abolition of the monarchy. KEITH FLETT London N17

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### Life, liberty and the purchase of influence

Sleazy dealings at the top? Cash-forquestions in the Commons? Such behaviour is small beer compared to America, where the stupendous costs of campaigning have turned the entire political system into a machine driven and controlled by money. By John Lichfield

July. Robert Rubin, the US Treasury Secretary, is having lunch with a couple of dozen of the biggest wheels in Wall Street. The businessmen are paying \$10,000 a head for the right to eat chicken with the man who prints the dollar bills.

There is nothing wrong with that. Mr Rubin is not soliciting the cash for himself. He wants the money for his boss, President Bill Clinton, to help to give him another four years in the White House. The legal limit on individual donations to a presidential campaign is \$1,000. Rubin is asking each lunch guest for 10 times this amount. But there is nothing wrong with that either. The money is not for President Clinton's campaign - not exactly. It is going towards a tangle of other Democratic Party activities which are designed to help reelect President Clinton without ever mentioning his name.

A senior Democratic Party official stands up and hails the Treasury Secretary as the "greatest fund-raiser in the his-tory of the planet." Then he adds with a grin: "Of course, by law, Bob can't raise a dollar."

Then he asks the Wall Street giants for even more money... Such quaint rituals are being enacted all over America this election year. In truth, something of the kind goes on in every US state on every day of

he scene is Chicago have become a perpetual-during the Democ-ratic convention in machine. It is calculated that a motion, money-raising machine. It is calculated that a US senator must raise an average of \$15,000 on each day of his six-year term to assemble

The spasm of sleaze allega-tions afflicting the British body politic inevitably prompts sugestions that we are heading the American way. The differences between the two political systems are immense but there are many useful warnings and lessons in the US experience. In some respects, our politi-

cians are more ethically chal-

lenged than America's. Some of the recent UK cases of sleaze cash-for-parliamentary-questions, for instance - sound crudely corrupt to US ears. Straightforward graft, in the sense of individual enrichment is now fairly rare in US federal politics (though not unknown at state level). Even the kind of multiple directorships legally enjoyed by some British MPs would be unethical on Capitol Hill. The limit on a US congressman's earnings outside politics is \$20,040 (£12,625). The worst excesses of personal greed ~ such as lobbyist-funded holidays for senators and the pillaging of permanent, interest-free loans from the congressional bank and post office

 have been swept away. On the other hand, the entire US campaign-financing system is now so permeated by big money (and the access and every year. American politics favours big money can buy) that

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an outsider finds it difficult to see the moral, or logical, distinction between the legal and illegal. The most obvious lesson from the American experience is a depressing one. Money in politics is like rain on an old roof. It will always find a way through. Last year's repairs tend to become next year's

n one sense, there is nothing new in all this. Kennedy, responding to yet another request for money to bale out his son's 1960 presidential campaign, is said to have responded: "Jack, I don't mind buying you a victory, but I'm damned if I can afford a landslide."

However, the real surrender of US politics to money began in the late 1960s and 1970s with the proliferation of campaign advertising on television. Before that it was a politician's choice whether he was corrupt or not. After that, the compulsion to mise ever larger sums of cash sucked almost everyone into a corrupting system.

Here is a huge difference with Britain. During the general election campaign next year, as your favourite pro-gramme is delayed for the 17th time that week, grit your teeth and give thanks for the Party Political Broadcast. Despairing efforts are being made to

introduce a similar system of public access to television in the US and to ban, or limit, casheating campaign ads. But previous attempts to go this route have fallen foul of the First "free speech" Amendment to the Constitution, as interpreted by the Supreme Court.

US politicians are essential entrepreneurs who raise their own funds without much help from their parties (although this is changing a little). As the cost of campaigning has soared (\$6m for the average Senate race) the relationship between the candidate and his constituency has been bent out of

Consider, say, the plight of Congressman X, who faces a decision on whether to support such and such a development by the Nimby Corporation, a regular benefactor. Focus groups tell him that 20 per cent of his district is fiercely opposed. But the Nimby Corporation, and its like, provide him with the money that allows him to bombard 100 per cent of his electorate with self-justifying television ads at the next election. Which way does he vote? It was political logic of this kind, writ large, which destroyed the Clintons' admittedly clumsy efforts to push

public health care through the US congress in 1993-4. Campaigners for reform argue that the system can never

be cleaned up unless the cost of campaigning is reduced (just as drug smuggling will continue as long as people use drugs). Facts are on their side. Several attempts have been made to tighten the rules since the on the pressing issues of the day... Watergate scandal of the 1970s. Most were still-born. A few were enacted. But the politicians and parties who passed the laws immediately found

ways of by-passing them. Since 1974 it has been illegal for any individual or corporation to give more than \$1,000 to a presidential candidate. Similar limits exist for congressional and state campaigns. The restrictions produced a boom in political action committees, whose sole purpose is to fund and influence politicians. There are 3,882 PACs now registered with the federal government. Since their activities were at least in the open and their accounts published, their rise was originally regarded as an improvement on the old traffic in dollar bills in plain envelopes. But growing con-cern about PAC influence pro-

duced new restrictions. In recent years large corporate cheques have begun to flow into something called "soft money", which escapes all limits. This was the kind of money being raised by Treasury Secretary Rubin at his \$10,000-aplate lunch in Chicago. In theory, the cash goes to the

The point is not that all US politiciam are in thrall to lobbyists. The point is that cam-paign combinations give special interests such an octopoid grip on the system that it has become next to impossible to pass any radical or intricate piece of legislation on Capitol Hill. The Chinton liberal-leaning health-care plan foundered; out so did most of Newt Gingrich right-leaning Contract with America.

The point is not that there

sums to help "monitor" their own enforcement of the fund-

ing rules.

are no more houest men or women in American public life. There are still many who play fair or at least stick to the old Texan maxim: "If you can't take their money, screw their women, drink their wine and still vote against them, you're not fit to be in politics." The point is that the system has become such a relentless fundraising treadmill that many potentially able players are withdrawing from the game, or

refusing to join.
Senator Bill Bradley of New
Jersey, a thoughtful, dull politician who retires this year, complains that money is gradually driving sense out of US politics. "Money is distorting our democracy. It not only determines who wins, but often who runs. If you've got a good idea and \$10,000 and I've got a terrible idea and \$1m, I can convince people that the terrible

idea is a good one." in Britain, despite occasional personal lapses into venality. the system of financing politics has been, until now, relatively transparent and clean. Big Business supported the Tories; Big Labour supported Labour Individuals are banned from spending more than paltry amounts on their campaigns in any case. Even without politibeginning to change. There is no limit on the amount British parties can spend at national or regional level, so long as individual candidates are not named. The more professional ign techniques introduced in the 1980s have increased the parties' desire

for campaign cash. If US experience is anything to go by, we should be less worried by the recent ugly examples of personal greed and more worried by the arch-lobbvist Ian Greer's (perfectly legal) contributions to individual and party election campaigns. There is a difference between a generic party contribution from, say. Shell, and funds provided by a man who boasts that he can fix specific problems for his clients.

A similar lesson can b learned from scandals in Italy. France, Belgium and Japan. Individual enrichment was part of the story in each case. But the big-league corruption involved corporate donations to party funds and electoral warchests in return for specific or systematic favours.

When special-interest cash invades campaign finances the democratic well is poisoned. Individual bribes corrupt but campaign-financing bribes

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### I hear what you're saying, but I'll ignore it



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curious phrases that have emerged in common parlance in recent years is "I hear what you

Say".
What's curious about it is that it sounds open and frank and honest, but it isn't, because it doesn't mean what it says. What it says is, "I am

receiving what you say through my cars." It is the obvious answer to the question put by, say, someone in a house who has been talking to his

room for five minutes and suddenly has a cold feeling that his companion can't even hear him. Or a question put by someone in the back seat of a car who has a sudden suspicion that the driver has heard nothing she has said since she got in the back.

So they ask, "Can you hear what I am saying?" And the other person (if they can hear the question ) says: "Yes, I hear what you

But that is not how the phrase is used in Britain today. It is used by people who are close to each other physically and far apart in every other way. When one person says, "I hear what you say," he means, "I hear what you say but I disagree with it so totally that I am not even going to bother considering it. In fact, I have already forgotten it."

This, unfortunately, is the way much modern debate is conducted, by exchanging chunks of pre-scripted ideas. A debate should consist of speakers listening to each other and

considering each other's arguments, and, quite possibly, changing their minds. But is it ever like that? When politicians call for a national debate, is that what they want? Is this how Dole and Clinton debate? Do you think one or other of them will ever nod thoughtfully and say, "Good point, Bill – I hadn't thought of that", or "Gee,

you're right Bob; you've

changed my mind on that one"? Of course not. Everyone hears what the other man says. And then ignores it. Luckily, there are certain give-away phrases which betray the presence of the process. In fact, English

discussion is riddled with these phrases, phrases like "I hear what you say", all of which mean "I have courteously kept quiet while you were speaking, but I am about to ignore everything you have just said, because what I am about to say is

the truth". Here is a working list of these phrases. If you hear more than five of them in a... conversation, I suggest you ...."

walk away from it. Especially if you yourself have uttered most of them. 'Yes but...

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operations such as administra-

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money raised by each main

party - up to \$150m this year -

suggests that much of it perco-

Certainly corporate America

seems to feel that it is money

well spent. US telecommuni-

cations firms have given \$4.6m in "soft" money this year,

equally split between the par-ties. AT&T alone has given

\$743,000. The tobacco industry

has also given \$4.6m - mostly

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"That's all very well but... "That may well be so but..."

"Yes, I catch your drift, "I can see where you're heading but..."

"I take on board what you say." "Even assuming that to be the case ... "

"You may well be right "With respect..." "With the greatest

respect..." I see what you mean... "I see what you're getting "I think I can see what

you're driving at."
"Nevertheless..." "Notwithstanding..." "Still and all..." "Mutatis mutandis..."

"Other things being equal... 'So what you're saying

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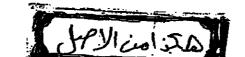
"We mustn't lose sight of the fact that ... " "When all is said and

"At the end of the day..." When the chips are

down... "What it's really all about...

"In the real world..." At which point, you are only a stage away from the position in which people shout at each other "Get real!" or "Get a life!", two other meaningless phrases with which the British now like to prolong the life of an already dangerously ill

conversation. Note: students of English as a foreign, or second, language may like to know that all the above empty phrases are more or less . interchangeable and can be used vividly and idiomatically at almost any



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### The answer to the Irish question is British withdrawal

he situation in Northern Ireland is now about as serious as it has been at any time this century. Every policy tried by successive British governments has failed. The occupation of Ireland failed and so did partition and Stormont. Internment without trial failed, and so did direct rule, and supergrass trials and Diplock courts and plastic bullets and strip searching and the 1969 decision to send the troops in Each of these measures has been hailed as a new start and each of them has ended in more bitterness, more

violence and more deaths. Two years ago, three men -John Hume, Albert Reynolds and Gerry Adams - succeeded in achieving what no British government had ever achieved, a genuine ceasefire. It transformed the atmosphere in Northern Ireland, bringing the communities together at grassroots level. It brought in the Irish government and the American government and it opened the possibility of real talks. But the British government never allowed those talks to take place.

The Government raised obstacle after obstacle about whether the ceasefire was permanent, whether the weapons

would be decommissioned, and by delaying, it lost the best chance that we have had for progress. The resumption of the bombing in Britain and now the latest explosion in the barracks in Northern Ireland is bringing back the pressure from the Unionists for more and more

repressive measures. It should be clear, after the triumphalist march at Portadown in the summer and the intransigent statements made by Unionist leaders, that under no circumstances would the Unionists ever agree to sit round the table with the nationalists with the serious intention of veloping a new framework for the island.

The issue here is not between Catholic and

Protestant as such, since both communities have suffered from unemployment as well as the ravages caused by the bombs. Nor is it about forcing the North into the South, because Sinn Fein know in their hearts that this cannot be done and the Republic has long ago

the situation could be transformed. The key to peace is that the future of Ireland as a whole should be resolved by the Irish people themselves in agreement between North and South and the two communities in the North. That is what John Hume has always advocated and its importance lies in the fact that it emphasises that there has long been a British problem in Ireland rather than an Irish problem in the United Kingdom.

For a quarter of a century, there has been a clear majority in Britain for this country to leave Northern Ireland. I have introduced a number of Bills into the House of Commons that would terminate British jurisdiction in Northern Ireland on 31 December 1999. This



An historic opportunity for peace was bungled by the

Government. But there is still a way forward

their long-term process of dis-crimination against the minority of Catholics. The present bipartisan policy has virtually turned off the light at the end of the tunnel and made it almost impossible for Sinn Fein to per-suade the IRA to resume the ceasefire. The traditional Labour policy, in opposition to parti-tion, was for an all-Irish convention with guarantees for minorities and the withdrawal

transition.

would release a huge peace dividend - now wasted in the con-

Such a move would also attract political and economic support from all over the world, including the United States and

Europe, where the Irish cause has always attracted far more support than we have been

Whenever this argument

has been put forward, we have been told that without British

troops the Protestants would

launch a savage attack upon the Catholics and drive them

ont in a massive exercise of ethnic cleansing. But both communities live and work

side by side, and always have done, and Britain has never been a peace-maker. If some interim peace-keeping force were required, the UN would

be better qualified than Britain to offer help over the

The problem is that the Unionists want British troops in

Northern Ireland to protect

their privileges and cover their backs, so they can continue

Today, we should be working to build confidence between the communities in the North and co-operation between North and South. even if they remain separate entities. Those who believe in this approach, and I am certainly one of them, should never give up their hope that it can and will be achieved. But time is running out, and if the goodwill, common sense and vision necessary to bring it about is no longer present at the top, the campaign must

Ireland has suffered under British rule for centuries. The Irish people should decide their own future, free from London government and If both Britain and the Irish Republic simul ... all the follies and crimes for which it has been

For a very long time, the war in Ireland has been the biggest single political issue in British politics. Since 1969, there have been more than 30,000 shootings, 16,000 explosions, with over 3,000 people killed, 33,000 people injured and more than 7,000 detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. The cost has been more

Nelson Mandela and Yasser Arafat played key role in the search for peace in South Africa and Israel. Gerry Adams has the same role to play now in Northern Ireland, paving the way for the withdrawal of Britain.

The writer was a member of the Cabinet in 1969 when troops were sent into Nonhern Ireland.

### Conservatives fight the enemy within by Andrew Marr

its mind up. The timed military operations - to fund the development that is so urgently needed in both North are a no-future, divided, hopeless, knackered, done-rulin' shambles; not an administration of rulers, but a mal-administration of empty suits. Just about every-one says so. MPs do. Almost all newspapers do. The public, apparently, agrees: one imag-ines Tory pollsters going up to ministers and mumbling, like the consultant in Casualty to the

tear-stained relative: "Listen, I'm really very sorry ... "
All of which leads one to take a deep breath, recall the months before the last election and ask: "Oh yes? Is it really over?" We are talking, after all, about the most successful electoral machine in Europe, and a goventment presiding over an economy that is growing relatively fast. The Conservative Party may be bad at many things but it has been superbly good at win-ning general elections. And that remains John Major's particular skill. And not all his little helpers and tortoiseshell-spectacled Machiavellis have deserted him, as has that affable trouble-

maker, Lord McAlpine, As before, both parties are probing the prejudices of a rel-atively small number of swing voters in marginal seats who will decide the election result. These are aspirational, socially conservative, provincial (fact, not sneer) and employed voters, in the Midlands, parts of the south and a slice of north-west England. Tony Blair and new Labour have become extraordinarily adept at saying what these voters want to hear. But who speaks Lingua Sierra most nat-urally? Mir Major and the Tories. They will have plenty to say. There is a winter and spring of economic growth still to come. There is time for voters to turn

away again from new Labour. I am not saying that the Con-servatives will win the 1997 general election, if they make it that far. My guess is still that they will lose it. That has been a common ice the tax T ERM embarrassment which followed so swiftly on from the last election. If they carry on like this, they will not only lose but be routed, and British politics may change dramatically, restraping itself in a way that cuts most of the people gathered at Bournemouth this week out of

power for a very long time. But ... even now, it is possible for them to win. Conservative ideas have dominated the past 20 years and have won acceptance deep in what used to be socialist parties across the



It isn't new Labour that stands between John Major and a fifth Tory term, it's the Tory Party itself

ideas. But that is not self-evident. In its proposals for a fifthterm government, the Centre for Policy Studies (CPS) suggests the privatisation of the Royal Mail, the Crown Estates, London Underground, the Forestry Commission and the Crown Prosecution Service. It suggests cutting the civil service by a fifth, abolishing grants for students, means-testing child benefits, spreading VAT to food, water and sewerage. The CPS is also in favour of cutting

world. It is often said the party phasing out mortgage interest year still to go, and new Tory tax relief, about tance tax, introducing a privacy bill, ending the capping of local authority budgets, selling off BBC Radios Three and Five and ... wait for it ... cutting the

number of MPs by 20 per cent. Now these may be bad ideas or good ideas, practical or impractical. But they are, undeniably, ideas. A Conservative Party arguing about them and winnowing them would have a considerable programme for government in 1997-2002.

To recap: economic growth, the basic rate of income tax, ruthless electoral skill, a half-

the buckettui - wh shouldn't the Tories win again? Even Tony Blair believes it is possible, and that he hasn't got his victory safely won.

What makes the above analysis seem so strange is that I have left out one critical thing: the behaviour of the Tories themselves. I am not talking about sleaze or corruption. That, and the fixing of Parliament-as-court, is disgraceful and ought to be genuinely shocking. But it is not likely to be a central electoral issue to the silent millions

dirty trade, not merely a rough old one. Major knows this, which is why he brushes aside the allegations from the Guardian Hamilton case with such contemptuous ease.

No, the real problem for the Tories is that so many of them no longer think winning the election is the most important thing. They think Britain's attitude to Europe, generally, and to EMU, in particular, matters more. Well, they are probably right. But it is unnatural behaviour for Tories; without that central will, without that corporate self-belief, they are falling apart.

They don't hate Labour.

though they regard Mr Blair as "smarmy". They hate one another much more. There is a split between those who think the only hope is to sack Kenneth Clarke, the chancellor, and abjure the single currency, and those, a smaller number, who think that keeping Clarke and avoiding yet more anti-Europeanism is the only chance.

The anti-Clarkeites blame him for liking the welfare state and for refusing to cut taxes drastically: the fact so many Tory voters depend on the welfare state and the impact of tax-cutting on interest rates seems to be forgotten. These people are essenlially Thatcherites. But Lady Thatcher, who made her public peace with Major yesterday, was never as rash in office as her followers are now.

The pro-Clarkeites bank on slowly winning back public sup-port for a moderate, prudent economic stance. But they are clearly in a minority and, as the polls continue to be bleak, the anti-Clarke, anti-European pressure will surely increase.

How, I wonder, are relations at the moment between Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, and Mr Clarke? Major's instinct is to reconcile, to find a middle way. But finding the compromise between sacking Clarke and not sacking him will be a little tricky, even for him.

It is hard to imagine the Tories without their divide on Europe. and think of such a thing, then you would conclude Major had a perfectly reasonable chance of turning opinion around and winning the election. In other words, nothing stands between the Tory party and a fifth victory, but the Tory party itself.

British voters are material, down-to-earth and suspicious of high-flown stuff. That is why they have chosen the unromantic Tories so often. But if the Tories have decided they don't want to govern, even the British voter is who already regard politics as a unlikely to force them to do it.

### Here's looking at you, Di

We are all turning into peeping Toms now, says Suzanne Moore et's get back to basics. Dowe want to publishes them so that we can be once

see pictures of famous people having sex? Do we want to see them up close and personal? Do we want their privacy invaded solely to fuel our fantasy lives? If we are honest the answer is yes. We may be appalled at the pictures of Diana Princess of Wales in the "Di Spy Video Condol" but are to fue you want to be seen and their Di Spy Video.

Scandal" but part of us can't help feeling that what is wrong with these latest pictures shown on TV and in the newspapers is not that we can see them in the first place but that we can't see enough. The quality is low, Diana takes fewer clothes off than she does on a beach; the interest lies only in what we can read into the relationship with James Hewitt which she has already confessed to.

The Sun may pretend that the publication of these pictures is throwing some light on a constitutional crisis, and that it is doing Di a favour by vindicating her claim that she was being spied on. Such an invasion of privacy is miraculously justified because it proves that she was right all along to complain about said invasion of privacy. This is not so much a vicious circle but a vicious spiral into which we

are all descending. So where does the tape. come from? The Sun comes on all investigative and out of the shadows steps a nasty network of MI5 goons, bodyguards,

sergeants, American lawyers and upright old Charlie himself. That old line - just because you're paranoid doesn't mean that they are not out to get you - should be printed on the out to get you - should be printed on the front of Diana's sweatshirt. Some of the 20 last questions that *The Sun* wants answered in Jude "Was she captured daring sex play with other men?" and "Where are the films hidden?" These are clearly matters of national importance because if such films

more outraged that they have. I wonder though, if invasion of privacy is the right phrase for Fergiegate, Squidgygate, Camil-agate, as it is now assumed that for these people there is no such thing as privacy. They can be snapped, bugged, recorded at



any time. What does all this hi-tech snooping tell us? That these people who appear to be profligate, promiscuous, stupid and human are indeed these things because we

now have the technology to prove it. The thrill of such visual information is that we can sympathise with Diana while satisfying every voyeuristic impulse in sight. This is a visual form of Di's disease, bulimia, if ever there was one, allowing us to have our cake, eat it, be disgusted at it, throw it up and then have some more. Nausea mixed with titillation - what a rush, no wonder we soon find our behaviour exist it is crucial that someone, somewhere becomes compulsive.

are saturated with imagery. Seeing is not only believing it is the only belief we hold dear. Nothing can be hidden, or secret, everything must be shown, the urge to see never repressed. The filmsiest of excuses are given to poke our noses and our lenses évervwhere. Someone else will

do the dirty for us. As The Sun says in its tricksy editorial: "But the Princess can draw one consolation from this nasty mess. At least she's well shot of the Windsors and the dirty snoopers." One might point out that she is not well shot of the dirty snoopers but shot by one of them, who has then enabled the rest of us to join in the snooping. And what do we see in the latest pictures of the most photographed woman in the world? Disappointingly we see a kind of intimacy that does not photograph so well. Love rather than sex is always a bit of a let down.

Diana's fear that she was the target of a professional surveillance operation is misplaced. She is the target of a much more amateur surveillance operation in which we are all punters. She is being stalked not by deluded individuals but by a public that feels it has a right to be on pseudo-intimate terms with her every move. In the great "Di Spy Video Scan-

dal" the only scandal is that although we might feel that we have seen it all before, that we have seen enough already, we still want to see more. A glimpse of her undressing, however blurrily, may be a sight to behold, a sight that sells newspapers, but why kid ourselves it offers us any other insight whatsoever. Except one: while it used to be an offence to be a peeping Tom it is now a respected profession that we have all been recruited into. If you think otherwise then look away, cover your eyes, draw the curtains, pull the shutters down and pray that no one is watching you living your sheltered life.

### I see money, lots of it...

brainwave that you have if you are a superstar who has her own personal psychic. For 20 years she had relied on the foresight of Linda Georgian. What, she wondered, did people without psychics do for advice? Friends can be so unreliable, mothers so judgemental, bartenders so bored and ther-

apists so expensive. Everyone needs a psychic friend. Someone you can talk to. On the telephone. For as many minutes as you want. All

at a premium rate. Ms Warwick may be famous for Walk on By but she didn't take her own advice on this one. Soon, she and Linda and a company named Info-mation Communication, based in Baltimore, Maryland, had set up the Psychic Friends Network but don't laugh until you hear the bottom line.

"In gross business, this is gross mind you, it is probably about \$110m a year," says Robert Hoffman, senior vicepresident of TV production. He also claims to be tall, dark and handsome but my ears were still ringing from \$110m.
Psychic Friends Network

employs 1,200 psychics and each is at the end of an extension of its 1-900 number (the American version of 0891 numbers). In Britain such services are not allowed to advertise on television or radio. In America they are positively encouraged and it is a statistical impossibility to be in the US longer than 24 hours without seeing an advertisement

asking you to call. Thousands do. At Psychic Friends, many are called and all are chosen. The network

Warwick had the kind of brainwave that you have future is money. Fortunes are

being told, and made too. And all in the name of friendship. "They call for any amount of things. Insight and advice into the future. Friendships, to find out about relationships, career moves. Have some psychic fun. For entertainment," says Mr Hoffman. The Duchess of York knows all

about that.

Psychic Friends is the biggest of 15 to 20 such companies in America (there are 11 similar phone lines in Britain). Mr Hoffman doesn't skip a beat when asked if he is a believer. "Oh yes," he says. Nor does he hesitate to outline that to work for Psychic Friends you have to go through an extensive screening process involving trial readings, checking referrals and you must have five years' experience as a practising psychic. This must make for some interesting

resumé checks. Are the calls taped? "Taped?" Mr Hoffman sounds shocked. "Never."

So is it pretty much confidential? "It is definitely, absolutely confidential. Only the psychic and the person know what they're talking about."

Obviously not a job for Madame Vasso and her blue pyramid. But if the Duchess of York needs a new friend, I know a number she can call.

Ann Treneman

Psychic hindsight tells me that last week we did not credit Reed Books for the photograph of Barbie. It was from the newly receives 7,500 to 10,000 calls published Barbie Island Rescue'.



BUSINESS NEWS DESK: tel 0171-293 2636 fax 0171-29 Reuters scheme on the rocks after the Chancellor claims move against special dividends will save Exchequer £400m a year

### Clarke cracks down on City buybacks

City Editor

Reuters shelved plans to hand back £613m to its shareholders vesterday following an unexpected clampdown by the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer on a loophole that allows tax-exempt investors such as pension funds to reclaim tax credits on special

dividends and share buybacks. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, shut the door on the benefit which he claimed was costing the Exchequer £400m a year in unpaid tax. The move was widely criticised by tax experts and companies alike as "overkill" and described as no more than political point scoring on the first

day of the Tory party conference. Reuters said yesterday it had decided to put off the planned repayment of most of its £850m cash pile until it had had a chance to study the changes which will be detailed in the Finance Bill following this year's Budget. Its complex proposal had envisaged a phased repayment of 37.5p a share combined with a 5 per cent reduction in the company's share capital.

Although not mentioned by name in the announcement, the clampdown is understood to

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proposed scheme, which was to be voted on today by shareholders. Mr Clarke is thought to view it as the final straw at the end of a series of buybacks and special dividends that have trans-ferred £7bn from companies to their shareholders so far this year.

Mr Clarke said yesterday that gross funds would no longer be able to claim tax credits on either share repurchases or special dividends that were linked to other transactions such as share consolidations and takeovers. Reuters' plan, which involved a share consolidation designed to return cash to shareholders while still maintaining the group's earnings per share, is the first victim of the changes and its shares closed 22p lower at 755p. Other companies, such as Barclays, which had indicated its willingness to pay cash back to shareholders in this

way, will be caught by the ban. Other recent transactions that would not be possible under the new rules include a £458m special dividend used by Granada to sweeten its offer for Forte. A simtlar 40p-a-share special payout in this week's offer from SHV for Calor is now under threat. Mr Clarke said yesterday:

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panies buying their own shares or paying special dividends in such a way that the proceeds end up almost entirely in the hands of those who are entitled has costs for the Exchequer, and if action is not taken soon that cost would escalate. I therefore propose to bring forward legis-lation in the next Finance Bill

He added: "The Inland Revenue will continue to monitor the situation, and we will not hesitate to take any necessary further action should further evidence of abuse appear."

to remove payable tax credits in

The changes proposed by the Chancellor mean that although the affected special dividends and share repurchases will still qualify as distributions of profits, and oblige the companies making them to pay the associated advance corporation tax to the revenue, they will no longer give the recipients the right to claim that tax credit back.

One senior tax accountant described the move as a deliberately complex way of raising revenue without risking a politically dangerous all-out attack on pension funds. He said it rep-

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resented a "shot across the bows" which would warn the funds that their current tax privileges, including tax-free ordinary dividends, were not sacrosanct.

on the stock market, analysts said closer scrutiny of Mr Clark's proposals revealed only "very small negative". Steve Wright, equity strategist at BZW, said the closing of the loophole did not necessarily mean the end of the share buyback, which remained an attractive way for companies to reduce their capital base. Ordinary special dividends, not linked to other transactions, are unaffected and remain an option for cash rich companies such as the utilities to hand ex-

cess funds back to shareholders. He added that some companies, mainly high yielders, might benefit from the move which would encourage investors to replace the high levels of income they have gained from the £7bn of recent repurchases and spe-cial dividends. Railtrack, Hillsdown Holdings, BAT and United Biscuits rose yesterday.

Others were more critical of the proposed changes. Roger Muray, a partner at Ernst & Young, said: "This move has wide-ranging effects. It will be a major impediment to overcapitalised companies returning cash to their shareholders. Ordinary share buybacks, which do not specifically target tax-ex-empt shareholders should have been left outside the net."

Simon Laffin, finance director at Safeway, which returned £208m to shareholders earlier this year, said: "The Chancellor hasn't thought through why companies do these buybacks. They are trying to reduce the cost of their capital so they can invest more. He is attacking the com-petitiveness of British industry." Comment, page 23

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### The incentive for pension funds

ROGER TRAPP

The complex world of share buybacks, special dividends and financially sweetened takeovers that the Chancellor has attacked is littered with arcane terms such as Advance Corporation Tax and tax credits and is rooted in the different tax treatment of institutional and individual shareholders.

To understand the heart of the issue, it is best to start with how an ordinary dividend is taxed. Imagine a company that pays out an ordinary dividend of £80. This would be liable to ACT of 25 per cent, or £20. If the profits of the company are £100, the corpora-

tion tax payable will be £33. But because the company has already paid £20 in ACT, the actual However, certain shareholders - estimated at 70 to 80 per

amount to pay will only be £13.

The shareholder, on the other hand, receives a tax credit of £20 on the £80 dividend. This is because of the "imputation system" devised some time ago to prevent investors paying tax that the company has already paid, otherwise known as double taxation.

If the shareholder is a taxpayer, he or she will use the tax credit to meet any tax liability. Indeed, if the individual pays tax at the marginal rates of 20 or 24 per cent, the credit settles the tax liability. If the individual is a higher rate, 40 per cent taxpayer,

cent of all shareholders - are exempt from tax and can get back the tax credit from the Government. Individuals who have got tax losses or sufficient personal allowances fall into this category.

But the typical tax-exempt shareholder is a pension fund or a personal equity plan, and in this case would enjoy a div-idend of £100 rather than £80, giving it a clear incentive to participate in the sort of share buybacks, special dividends or sweetened takeovers that the Chancellor has targeted. The Revenue anticipates the

clampdown by the Chancellor will work in much the same way as the recently introduced foreign income dividend. or FID. This takes account of the fact that foreign income earned by a company will have been taxed at source. Though the difference is immaterial to the individual shareholder - unless he or she does not pay tax - it matters to pension funds because ( 'P' cannot get a tax credit from the Exchequer. As a result, the dividend is worth less to them.

It is thought that yesterday's move makes the abolition of ACT - which is often mooted and attacked by institutional

### Stagecoach in undertaking on predatory policy

**MAGNUS GRIMOND** 

The Government yesterday accepted undertakings from Stagecoach, the aggressive Perth-based bus operator. which will curb its ability to mount controversial predatory pricing policies against rivals in the North-east of England.

The agreement, announced by John Taylor, the corporate and consumer affairs minister, comes after more than a year of tough negotiations with the Department of Trade and Industry in the wake of the collapse of the 90-year old Dar-lington Bus Company. The collapse was blamed on a price war initiated by Busways, a Newcastle-based subsidiary of

The failure of Darlington Bus prompted a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry which, in August last year, slammed Busways' actions in Darlington and South Shields as "predatory, deplorable and against the public interest". The MMC demanded un-

dertakings from both Stagecoach and Go-Ahead Group, another quoted bus operator which also commands more than a quarter of the North-east market.

Yesterday's agreement commits Stagecoach not to raise prices or reduce bus services for three years on any route where big difference to the shares.

its price cuts have forced a rival to abandon a service. It comes after around 25 MMC reviews into the group's activities and is similar to undertakings demanded by the DTI in others areas of the country where Stagecoach has acquired bus operators, including Ayrshire last November and Lancaster in

There was no news vesterday on the position of Go-Ahead. which sources say has been less willing to give ground in negotiations with the Depart-

John Conroy, managing di-rector of Busways, said the company had not agreed with the conclusions of the Monopolies Commission report, but it had willingly" given the undertakings required. "And I can assure you that we will continue to compete both fairly and effectively in the future despite the guar-antees." He claimed that competition in the North-east was now sustainable. "There is active competition. There aren't an awful lot of small operators in our area, but there are a num-

ber." he said. Shares in Stagecoach, boosted recently by an upgrade in profit forecasts by UBS, its broker, gained another 22.5p to 577.5p vesterday. Analysts said the deal would be good for sentiment but would not make a

### Sir Alastair may get honorary Tunnel title

MICHAEL HARRISON

Sir Alastair Morton, who retires as co-chairman of Eurotunnel in three weeks, may be given the title of honorary president in recognition of his pivotal role in getting the Channel Tunnel built and rescuing it from its

financial crisis. The idea of conferring the role of President D'Honneur on Sir Alastair is understood to be under examination although no decision has been reached. The principle of awarding such a title to men and women who have made an outstanding contribu-tion to a company's fortunes is well established in France.

The trend is increasingly crossing the Channel. Lord King of Wartnaby was made honorary president of British Airways in recognition of his

contribution in leading the airline into the private sector. Lord Weinstock, who handed over the reins at GEC last month after 30 years at the helm of Britain's most prominent engineering company, has been made chairman emeritus.

Sir Alastair joined Eurotunnel in the spring of 1987 and is widely credited with pulling off the £770m share issue later that year. Without the equity issue, bank funding for the Tun-nel would not have been forthcoming and the project would have collarsed.

Since then he has steered Eurotunnel through one financial crisis after another, fighting the company's corner against both its contractors and its banks, culminating in this week's agreement to reschedule its £8.7bn debt mountain.

### Dawn raid puts Blenheim ahead

Media Editor

The roller-coaster ride at hid target Blenheim took a dramatic turn yesterday, when VNU, the Dutch publishing giant, mounted a dawn raid to scoop up 15 per cent of the exhibitions group at 500p a share. The shares raced ahead 28.5p to

close at 464p. Blenheim issued a statement to the Stock Exchange, saving that it would continue to talk to all parties and that an announcement would be made "at the earliest opportunity". The statement fuelled speculation that bid talks continued with both Reed Elsevier and United News & Media, the two orig-

inal suitors for Blenheim. The dawn raid, which took the market and other potential bidfull bid in the future, a prospect it did not rule out yesterday. For now, however, VNU said

it viewed the investment as a strategic one. A spokesman denied the move was a spoiling tactic to lock out other bidders for Blenheim. The exhibitions company has

been in the takeover limelight since early summer, when it emerged that United News & Media, which has amassed a 2 per cent holding in Blenheim, had made an approach pitched at about 450p a share. But the bid faded away following ten-sions with Blenheim management over the amount of financial information it would be allowed to review.

Reed, the other leading bidder, had believed early this week that it was on track toward ders by surprise, gives the Dutch an agreed bid pitched at 480p

firmation of Reed's bidding intentions, published in The Independent on Monday, had helped convince VNU to make its pre-emptive move.

The 500p a share offer has effectively created a new floor for an eventual bid for Blenheim, analysts said yesterday. They added, however, that the 15 per cent stake taken by VNU was difficult to understand, unless the company was planning to make a full bid soon. One an-alyst commented: "Certainly this gives them a place at the table, but at what price?"

Other analysis speculated that the move was designed to ensure VNU could negoritate for bits of Blenheim should some of its exhibitions assets be sold off separately following a bid.

Reed had no comment yesterday. But it is understood

company a platform to mount a a share. Analysts said that con- the company and its advisers had been wrong-tooted by the VNU move, and spent yesterday reviewing their options.
It is thought VNU had first

approached Blenheim in late summer, but had not held any substantive talks about a takeover. Insiders at the exhibitions company said vesterday that at least one other potential bidder, based in the US, was in the wings.

VNU publishes magazines in Europe and the US, with emphasis on the computer and other consumer end of the market. It has a very limited number of exhibition operations in the US and Europe.

The company said it was seeking ways of developing the synergies between publishing and exhibitions. a combination that has proved lucrative for Reed Elsevier and United.

### United wages soar after Bosman

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Manchester United vesterday revealed that the Bosman ruling and the Alan Shearer transfer from Blackburn to Newcastle had caused a surge in player's wage inflation that had increased its wage bill by £5m a year.

Martin Edwards, the club's chief executive, said the Bosman ruling, which enables the free transfer of players within the EU if they have come to the end of their contracts, had pushed the club to sign new longer-term deals with all five of its new foreign imports as well as eight others of its first team squad

The four- and five-year deals cover Karel Poborsky, who joined United in a £3.5m deal from Slavia Prague and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, the Norwegian striker. Players such as Gary Pallister, David Beckham and the brothers Gary and Phillip Neville have all renegotiated their contracts. Negotiations with Ryan Giggs are continuing.
The club said the wage spiral

"could not continue".

Mr Edwards also revealed game at the beginning of the that the withdrawal of the season with the reduced cateam's unpopular grey kit last season had cost it £500,000.

The details emerged as Manchester United announced profits excluding transfer fees of £16.7m for the year to July 1996. This compared to £16.3m the previous year. The figures were held back by lower sales due to the reduced capacity at its Old Trafford stadium in the early part of the season due to ng work on a new stand. Mr Edwards said the club shop was taking £25,000 per home

pacity. The figure rose to £75,000 by the end of the season when the new stand was completed and the capacity was expanded to 55,000.

He said the current "take"

per game was £1.4m, almost double the figure in the 1993-94 season. Net expenditure on transfer fees was £1\_3m. A new museum and a third store are planned. The club is also looking at a new 100-acre

site for a new training facility.

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### Merrill shake-up as new trading system looms

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

Merrili Lynch yesterday announced a restructuring of its UK market making desk in a move which foreshadows widespread changes in the City ahead of the start of a new stock exchange trading system next year.

Merrill said it was cutting back its UK equity trading desk from 64 to 50 people and setting up a new structure in This anticipates how the

market will work in a year's time when the exchange introduces an order driven system for the FTSE 100 stocks. Although the changes at Merrill are relatively small,

there may be similar restructurings across the equity market as the date for the start of the new trading system ap-proaches. Cumulatively, there could be significant job cuts. The new system will automate the trading function so

that sales are input to a computer and matched to buyers at a given price. This will do the firm,

away with the job of market making in its present form.

The changes at Merrill, which bought the market mukers Smith New Court nearly two years ago, will take place next January, though the exchange does not plan to make . ) its own switch until the fourth quarter of next year. Merrill's present system trades stocks by sector, irrespective of size.

Michael Marks, co-head of global equities at Merrill, said the move was not just a result which the top 100 stocks were of the changes at the Stock Exto be traded as a distinct group. change. Clients were tending to buy and sell shares in the top 100 as a block, and the company would probably have decided to establish a separate desk to trade these large stocks whatever happened.

Mr Marks said he did not know whether other firms would do the same but added: "Everybody must be thinking through the numbers."

Adrian Pinkus is to head the new FTSE-100 trading teamer Merrill and David Smith all be in charge of other UK stocks. Some of the 14 losing their jobs will be relocated in

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Will the Chancellor go a step further in the Budget and lop another chunk off the

tax credits pension funds can claim on dividends? This is a tempting target but it would also be an unpopular one'

This wonderful wheeze was bound to be stopped Perhaps the biggest surprise about Kenneth Clarke's crackdown on share buybacks is that anyone should have been surprised by it. And yet they were, in

the City at least, where for some bizarre reason nobody can ever understand why chancellors should want to call a halt to highly lucrative tax scams of this sort. In fact, the demise of this wonderful lit-

tle City wheeze became pretty much inevitable the moment Reuters came out with its own particular mutant version. This was so "in yer face" to the Revenue, that it could hardly have been ignored. Reuters wanted to find a way for small, tax paying investors to share in the tax credit bonanza these schemes mean for pension funds and other non tax paying shareholders. What it came up with was certainly clever. But while its motives may have been honourable enough, this was also pretty self evidently the scheme too far and it seems

to have killed it for everyone else.

To be fair, Mr Clarke would probably have done something with or without Reuters. According to the Treasury, share buybacks and special dividends linked to takeovers or share consolidations are costing the exchequer a minimum of £400m a year. What is already a flood was in danger of turning into a deluge, with even the mighty BT rumoured to have been working on something of the sort. That really would have been the mother sort. That really would have been the mother of them all—the buyback to end all buybacks.

Perhaps thankfully. Reuters got there first.

also be an unpopular one. It is easy to justify yesterday's action, for the target is essentially a City wheeze which though it primar-

merely icing on the cake, that the primary purpose is nothing to do with tax. What it's about, one well meaning executive explained yesterday, is capital efficiency and carnings enhancement. Shareholders demand "focus" in business these days and it is only right that excess capital so generated should be paid back to shareholders. So with the tax break removed, will he be

forging ahead with a buyback regardless? Er ... ummm. Well let's spare him the embarrassment and answer the question for him. Somehow this seems rather unlikely.

While the Revenue was prepared effectively to foot the bill of paying a premium on share repurchases, companies in a posi-tion to undertake these things would have been positively failing in their fiduciary duties had they not done so. Now the tax perk has gone, the rationale becomes much more questionable. Companies that can afford to will continue to pay special divi-dends as a way of distributing surplus cap-ital, but the buyback will vanish like sum-

Will the Chancellor go a step further in the Budget and lop another chunk off the tax credits pension funds can claim on dividends? Certainly this is a tempting target for a revenue hungry Government, but it would

Companies that engage in buybacks generally insist that their tax attractions are would disapprove of. Attack the tax exempt would dissapprove of. Attack the tax exempt nature of pension funds and you begin to hit people where it hurts. Immediately you are in much more difficult territory.

#### MMC's North-east fishing expedition

Predatory pricing is a slippery fish. It is notoriously difficult to catch and, even when the offender is caught dead in the water, it is often too late to help the victim. It will be educational, therefore, to see whether the Monopolies and Mergers Commission succeeds in netting the two bus operators, Stagecoach and Go Ahead up in

In order to remove their incentive to price in a predatory manner with the aim of killing off the competition, the MMC has decided that any fare reductions and new services they introduce must be maintained for three years. Similar strictures have already been applied to Stagecoach in Lancaster. Stagecoach, which ought to consider setting up a permanent suite in the OFT is minded to ac-

cept. Go Ahead appears less happy.

Now it may be that such undertakings will work in the bus market where the cost of cutting fares to uneconomic levels cannot be borne for any length of time. There again the likes of Stagecoach have deep pockets else has the headroom to muscle in on your bus route, it is to keep ticket prices at rock hottom for three years.

Whether such action would work in other sectors of the economy in the intended way is another question altogether. Just imagine what would happen to the nation's independent bakers if the supermarket stores were ordered to keep the price of a loaf at under 19p until the next millenrium.

#### Blenheim resistance paying off

It seems that Neville Buch, the often crit-icised chairman of the exhibitions group Blenheim, was right after all to resist offers from the likes of United News & Media and Reed Elsevier. Neither hidder wanted to go anywhere near the 500p-plus level demanded by Buch and his shareholder-directors, who between them speak for about 40 per cent of the company. United and Reed wanted to get the company on the cheap, they insisted, taking advantage of the City's failure to recognise the value of exhibition franchises.

Neither United (best offer 450p a share) or Reed (480p) expected to be wrong-foot-ed by the likes of VNU, whose 500p a share dawn raid vesterday gives it a strategic 15 per cent stake and a place at any negotiating table game.

and, if there is one way to ensure nobody here on in. Does VNU (and, of course, Blenheim management) know something that has escaped the attention of Reed and United? Just what is the company worth? Certainly exhibition companies are valued

much more highly in the US, home to the world's biggest exhibitions. Softbank, the Japanese-backed group, has been buying up US exhibition companies with wild abandon, and paying top dollar for them. The exhibitions market is highly cyclical, for expenditure of this type is an easy targets for cost cutting in any business downturn. However, when times are good, like now, they can be highly lucrative.

Moreover, there are undoubtedly synergies between publishing and exhibitions, as Reed, in particular, has proved. Exhibition goers can be attracted from among the ranks of specialist magazine readers, for example, Consumer interest in trade shows can also be generated by cross-promoting them through magazines. Mix in the new technologies like CD-Roms and on-line services, which increasingly feature in the trade show and exhibitions market, and there is the likelihood of even firmer growth in the future.

Granted, this is a volatile business which needs light management controls, something that has been kicking at Blenheim in the past. But when well-managed, the business opportunities are excellent. Buch knows that, and it looks like Reed and United will have to up the ante quite a bit to stay in this

### Gallaher to be spun off from American Brands

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Britain's leading tobacco company, Gallaher, the maker of the popular Benson and Hedges and Silk Cut cigarette brands, is to be spun off from its US parent, American Brands.

The manoeuvre, under which London-based Gallaher will make a \$1.4bn (£896m) payment to American Brands, is a direct result of the darkening environment for tobacco comdinies in the US, where the in-dustry is facing multiple legal challenges and new regulatory difficulties.

By shedding Gallaher, American Brands will finally cut all of its links with the tobacco industry. The company sold all its US-based tobacco interests, - the American Tobacco-Com - smoking as a market strategy, mitting that smoking, combined pany, in 1994 for \$1bn. Under according a 16-year-old internal with other factors, such as this transaction it will also re- company memo. Fear of law-

name itself Fortune Brands. News of the deal led to an immediate 10 per cent gain in the stock price of American Brands in early New York trading yes-terday. Officials said that it would get the company out from the shadow of tobacco litigation in the US. By decoupling from American, the effect should be the same for Gallaher in the US although the company may soon face the first group action in by smokers in the UK. Gallaher's shares will be listed on the London Stock Ex- that we acknowledge our prod-

change as well as on the New York Stock Exchange in the form

of American Depository Notes. "The spin-off will allow the managements of the two companies to focus exclusively on strategies and objectives geared to the very different financial, investment and operating characteristics and growth potential of their companies," Thomas

Hays, American Brands' chair-

### BAT memo 'discussed revealing health risks'

An American subsidiary of ucts can be harmful in excess, British American Tobacco dis- and we show due care in warncussed coming clean to the magazinst excess," the memo public about the health risks of stated. It recommended adsuits apparently quashed the

proposal writes David Usborne. The memo, apparently cir-culated in 1980 among managers of TW Kidd, the maker of Lucky Strikes and Kool, has surfaced as evidence in a lawsuit filed by the state of Minnesota. against tobacco companies. The discovery of the memo could be acutely embarrassing for BAT

and all the cigarette firms. "We will come to be judged alongside the liquor industry as being socially responsible, in Gallaher, whose shares will be

offered under the deal to current American Brands shareholders, is the number one seller of cigarettes in Britain and has a strong European presence. Gallaher's sales in the 12 months to June of this year topped \$6.5bn. Officials said

cancer and other diseases. Minnesota is one of 17 states sueing the tobacco industry and attempting to win compensation for state money spent on treating smoking-related illnesses.

This is an astounding disclosure," Hubert Humphrey, the state attorney general, declared.

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Lawyers for BAT said they would only respond in court. They said it was not clear who had written the memo or what their seniority was.

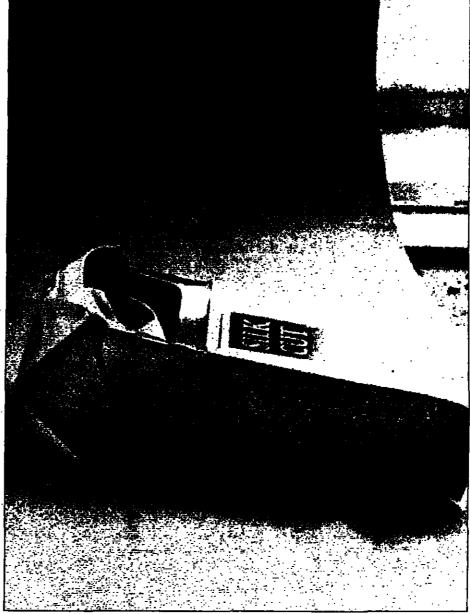
Gallaher would need to borrow the \$1.4 bn to pay off American

rect attention once more on RJR Nabisco, which has repeatedly come under pressure from some shareholders to separate its food division from its tobacco units, because of the depressive impact of the tobacco litigation on RJR stock. The company has so far resisted, however, citing uncertainty over the litigation and legislative

processes as reason for caution. The American-Gallaber spinoff is scheduled for completion within about 10 months. It may be complicated, however, by tax matters which, because of the international nature of the transaction, risk becoming unusually tangled.

Mr Hays added: "We believe that by creating two financially strong, publicly traded companies, each of which will be solidly positioned for profitable growth, we will enhance the prospects for both operations and increase shareholder value." American Brands added in a

statement: "Since Gallaher will be recognised more clearly as a UK/European tobacco manufacturer operating in an environment significantly different from the current US tobacco litigation and regulator environment, the value inherent in that operation should be more ap-



Spin-off: American Brands will shed the Silk Cut and Benson and Hedges cigarette operations | after Mr Hepher arrived.

#### Hyman quits in reshuffle

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

> Howard Hyman, deputy chairman and head of corporate finance at Charterhouse Bank, quit yesterday in the first publie reshuffle announced by Michael Hepher, the new chief executive who came from BT.

> Mr Hyman is thought to have been paid more than £350,000 a year and is likely to receive at least a year's severance pay.

His departure after less than two years in the job is believed to have been prompted by Mr Hepher's decision to hire a new senior corporate finance specialist to bring together the businesses of Charterhouse and its two parent banks, CCF of France and BHF-Bank of Germany. Mr Hyman's speciality is UK

corporate finance and the new etimal denduce out on a limb, leading to the decision to quit. Charterhouse said his contract was being terminated by mutual agreement. The bank added that it was

"looking to recruit a senior individual with a strong background of cross-border expertise and multi-cultural knowledge."
The bank and Mr Hyman

said they had concluded that this new structure would not provide adequate scope for his creative talents and energy. The upheaval comes only three months

• German unemployment rose unexpectedly by 39,000 last month, after adjusting for normal seasonal changes, contradicting the message of other recent indicators that the country's economic recovery is well under way. Angust's jobless increase was revised up to 22,000 (from 14,000). The unemployment rate fell a fraction, however, to 10.1 per cent. Economists, looking on the bright side, said the figures augured well for company productivity, as they indicated that recent output gains had been made without

 Laura Ashley is taking direct control of its product distribution network from Federal Express, the American transport company, for £1m. The company will take over a distribution centre, and its accompanying 371 employees in Wales. Laura Ashley does not expect any job losses due to the change. FedEx will continue to provide air transport for Laura Ashley's international distribution.

 Coca-Cola, the world's biggest soft drink producer, opened its 18th plant in China in the north-eastern Chinese city of Harbin at a cost of \$22m (£14m). Douglas Daft, senior vice-president of Coca-Cola, said sales in China have just exceeded 200 million cases, up from 187 million cases in 1995. Coke plans to have 23 plants operating in China before the end of next year involving total investment of \$500m. Separately, PepsiCo plans to bring the number of its plants in China to 17 within three years. Bloomberg

 Bradford and Bingley Building Society will shed staff at it head office in Bingley, west Yorkshire, where approximately 2,000 people are employed. A spokesman said a target for job losses had not been set but stressed there would be no forced redundancies. The building society has reviewed in humanical redundances. dancies. The building society has reviewed its business and intends to reorganise along three business lines - commercial lending savings and home loans, and independent financial advice. "At the end of 18 months we expect there to be less jobs than there are now," a spokesman said, adding reports of 1,000 job losses are now," a spoil were too high.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission has been given a further six months to report on the simply of sight further six months to report on the supply of eight categories of electrical goods in the UK, said the Department of Trade and industry. The categories are: televisions, dishwashers, hi-fi systems, camcorders, tumble driers, cold food storage equipment, video-cassette recorders and washing machines. The MMC was c asked on 27 April 1995 to study the markets to identify any monopoly situations.

• Contracts worth £350m were signed by two UK companies to supply trains and equipment for Bangkok's new mass transit system. Adtranz will supply 43 four-carriage trains and signalling equipment and Balfour Beatty will supply trackwork and station layouts for the Bangkok Elevated Road & Train System project.

• The EU Commission said it has cleared a joint venture set up Py British Gas and Group Four Utility Services to supply meter Rading services to gas and other utilities in the UK. The joint venture, to be called Accu Read, will initially be the sole supplier of meter reading services but competition will emerge as other utility suppliers start up similar activities, the Commission said.

### Bagri defends role of LME

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

Rai Bagri, chairman of the London Metal Exchange, yesterday urged the government and the Securities and Investments Board not to give way to iealously motivated pressures from abroad" by clamping down on the market with tough new regulations that would drive business away.

During a strong defence of the LME's role in the Sumitomo copper scandal, which cost the Japanese company \$2.6bn (£1.7bn), Mr Bagri made a thinly veiled attack on Nymex, the New York commodity exchange, and on US regulators who have been demanding reforms of the way the LME is run.

come from "desperate competing exchanges or from other bodies who believe their way of doing things is the only way to do things."

Speaking at the LME's annual dinner, Mr Bagri said that "just to cite a couple of recent examples," the Daiwa Bank scandal went on for nearly 10 years under stringent US banking regulations and Metallgeselleschaft, the German group, lost more than \$1bn trading oil on Nymex.

He added: "One would have thought that sinners would reflect before preaching the virtues of chastity." A very significant part of the

impact on jobs, however. "Re-dundancies should not be sig-

nificant and any changes will be relatively gradual. The two com-

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before then outside world sees

Lucas Varity has already said

that 50 of the top 150 managers

will be surplus to requirements.

The "transition team" assem-

of the group is now looking at

The group also disclosed that

the next tier of management.

it is poised to sign a contract to

supply its new electronic brake

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any difference," he said.

The jealously motivated pres- not on the LME but in over the LME which eventually helped sures to which he referred had counter trading, with the in- to flush out Yasuo Hamanaka, volvement of banks, Mr Bagri

> The losses were "at the very least perpetuated and exacerbated by bank financing, large-ly outside the UK, involving hundreds of millions of dollars." This bank finance was used

for unusual and complex derivatives contracts outside the LME's jurisdiction and control, added Mr Bagri. British regulators at the SIB are conducting a review of the LME, though recent indica-

tions are that they are not planning to announce radical reforms of the way the market

Mr Bagri said it was an intensive investigation by the London market.

Sumitomo's erraut chief copper trader, "from right under Sumitomo's nose, where he had been allegedly trading fraudulently, seemingly undetected, for more than a decade."

The affair was "yet one more example of the long and grow-ing catalogue of failures by companies to exercise proper management control," said Mr

The LME, for its part, would bring to book any firm or indi-vidual within its jurisdiction found to have broken its rules. When the Sumitomo scandal broke in the summer, Nymex made clear it thought the problem was due to lax control of the

### Lucas Varity plans £200m disposals

MICHAEL HARRISON

Lucas Varity, the newly merged Anglo-American car components and aerospace group, is expected to unveil details of a restructuring plan involving the streamlining of senior man-agement and the disposal of businesses with sales of about £200m within the next two

months. Analysts believe that high on the list as candidates for sale are Rists, the group's vehicle wiring business, and its battery joint venture in the UK with Yuasa. Lucas's car brakes venture with Sumitomo in the US and Varity's US truck brakes and wheels subsidiary, Dayton Walther, may

also he disposed of Sir Brian Pearse, chairman of LucasVarity, played down the

### Hyder group clinches largest road scheme

The Government has awarded its biggest-ever private sector road contract, worth £190m, to UK Highways, a consortium including Hyder, John Laing and

The deal will provide a shot in the arm to the Private Finance Initiative, which has so far failed to live up to government hopes. Tarmac says initial construction work will cost about £75m, while total project financing of £100m has been bled by chief executive Victor raised by way of equity. Mid-land Bank has provided a loan Rice to examine other areas of overlap and the overall structure facility of £90m.

Under the contract, UK Highways will improve, operate and maintain 122 kilometres of the M40 motorway between Junction 1, in London, and Junction 15, near Investment, page 25 | Warwick.

The work will take aroung 30 months, says Tarmac.

UK Highways shareholders include Hyder with 40 per cent, John Laing and Tarmac with 20 per cent each. Caisse des Depots et Consignations with 16 per cent and Transroute International with 4 per cent. Tarmac said the consortium would receive payment from the Government in the form of traffic-related "shadow" tolls, over a period of 30 years.

ture, a construction partnership, has been awarded the contract by UK Highways for the design, construction and commissioning of the M40 upgrade and initial maintenance work, with Hyder Consulting acting as infrastructure

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What's the connection between Milwaukee and Beer?

### market report/shares

### Clarke's tax surprise knocks cash-rich utilities DATA BANK FTSE 100

The last Tory Party conference before the election was always going to be good for a few

market-moving stories. What dealers had not anticipated was Chancellor of the per cent. Exchequer Ken Clarke's surprise announcement that tax credits on share buy-back and special dividend schemes will be abolished, a move that could swell the Treasury's coffers by £400m a year.

The news hit shares in cashrich utilities and banks but the most immediate impact was felt at Reuters, where uncertainty over what it might do with its surplus cash pile pushed its shares, down 20p to 757p, to bottom of the Foot-

Reuters has adjourned consideration of plans which were to be put to shareholders at today's extraordinary general meeting to pay a £613m spe-cial dividend. The scheme would have paid net dividends

totalling 750p per share over a period of three years. In ad-dition, Reuters had proposed a capital consolidation reducing the number of shares by 5

Thames Water fell 12.5p to 554p in sympathy, London Electricity weakened 24p to 605p, Yorkshire Electricity was off 19.5p at 749p, PowerGen declined 9p to 480.5p and BT dipped 2.5p to 356p.

The Chancellor's decision to

withdraw tax credits initially pulled the Footsie below the 4000 level, but it later rallied to end 4.1 firmer at 4035.6 and record its fifth record closing high in six trading days. Volume was a healthy 758m shares. Intriguingly, there was talk of institutions switching funds

away from buy-back and spe-

cial dividend candidates to

high-yielding stocks. British

Gas was the most obvious ben-

MARKET REPORT PATRICK TOOHER

ad of a report into the

VNU said it had no plans to

bid for Blenheim, which has

been in and out of takeover

talks for the last five months,

though it would bid for the

at 186.5p, making it the best performing blue chip of the day. Income funds were also said to be attracted to United Biscuits, whose shares topped the FTSE-250 list with a 13.5

gain to 216.5p, and Hillsdown, 7p better at 188p. Partly-paid shares in Railtrack, another high-yielder, rose 3p to 287p after the company announced plans to spend an extra £150m on upgrading the decrepit intercity West Coast Mainline route out of London Euston. The move will allow the successful bidder for the West Coast franchise to run tilting trains eficiary, reversing a recent and dramatically reduce jour-lousy run to close 5.5p higher ney times to Birmingham, ty, possibly US publishing and exhibitions group Ziff Davis, is said to be waiting in the wings. Shares in Eurotonnel re-

turned from suspension the day after the troubled Channel Manchester, Liverpool and Glasgow from 2002, Railtrack's Tunnel operator unveiled a debt restructuring plan that er links. Lehman also thinks gives the bank's at least 45.5 Rolls-Royce's diversification shares have come under selling pressure in recent sessions per cent of the company. Hopes that the shares would hit Watford rail crash which is due 130p - the price at which the to be published later this week. Shares in Blenheim leapt 28.5p to 216.5p after NatWest first tranche of the banks'. £4.7bn debt will be swapped into equity - proved too opti-mistic. After touching 124p, the mounted a "dawn raid" to pick up a 14.9 per cent stake in the exhibitions group at 500p for VNU, the Dutch publisher shares fell back to close 10p

lower at 115p.
Rolls-Royce fell 4p to 254p as Lehman Brothers downgraded the stock to underperform from outperform. Analysi Guy Kekwick believes many investors have been drawn into aerospace stocks expecting far-reaching European

Blenheim, while a fourth par-often been mentioned as a likely partner for Pratt and Whitney in the US, but the latter sis. Some 650,000 shares, or 35.1 recently signed a co-opera-tion deal with General Electric which could lead to even clos-

> low as 205p. A buy recommendation in NatWest's monthly review of it should moved into profit the pharmaceuticals sector was enough to lift British Biotech

into power engineering has been largely unsuccessful and

4p to 202p.

Laura Ashley added 8p to 189.5p. The chintzy clothing and home furnishings group is bringing its distribution and logistics operations, based in Newtown in mid-Wales and previously run by Federal Express, under its direct control.

Lord Hollick's United News & and global consolidation of Shares in British Taxpayers Media are also interested in the industry. Rolls-Royce has Association Self Assessment began trading yesterday on Ofex on a matched-bargain ba-

per cent of the company, were issued at 18p, raising £100,000. Professional Enterprise Group, to supply engines for a new Professional Enterprise Group, generation of super-jumbo jets another Ofex-quoted company, quickly picked up a 10.3 per cent stake. BTASA expects huge demand for tax preparation ser-vices with the advent of aims to complete 15,000 self-assessment tax-returns for 1997, rising to 50,000 for 1999 when

> Dublin-based minerals exploration group Glencar dipped a penny to 55.5p. It has placed 12.6 million shares with institutional investors, mainly in London, at 1:53p. The placing, and a 2-for-7 open offer at the same price, raised Ir£12m to increase it stake in the Wassa gold project in Ghana to 61 per cent.

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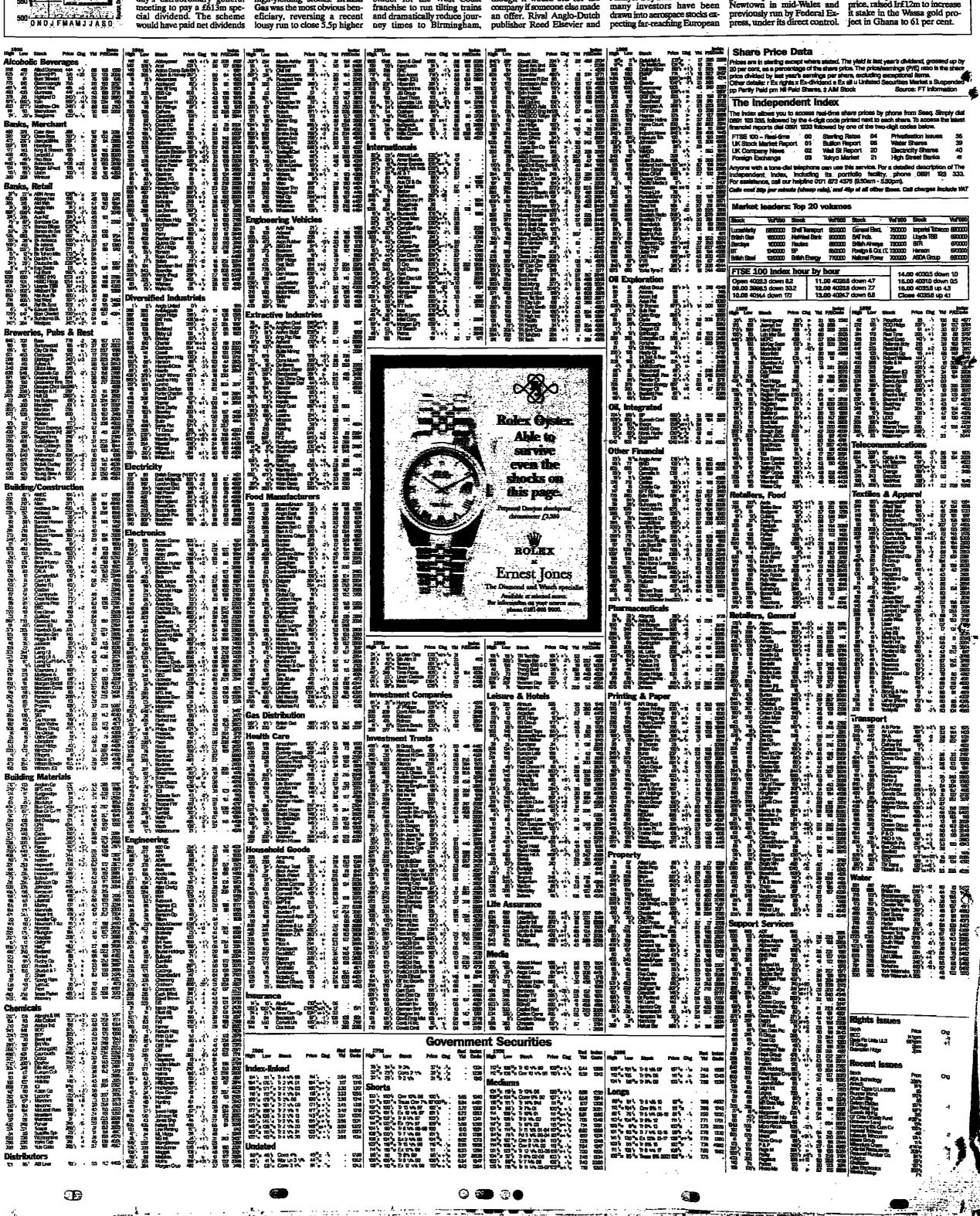
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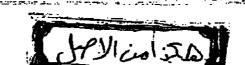
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### Shake-up puts Thorntons into the red

NIGEL COPE

Thorntons, the family-controlled chocolate group, anshift from manufacturing to tested. retailing.

"root and branch" review conducted by chief executive of strain on the business and it Roger Paffard, who joined in may affect Christmas trading as January.

Ninety new shops will open new. in the next three years, taking the total to 359. Mr Paffard says that only 143 of Thorntons' current shops are the right size and in the right location. These will be refurbished while 126 others will close and 216 others will be opened on more suitable sites. labour-intensive practices in the shops.

create 550 full-time equivalent

The expansion is expected to

trolled chocolate group, announced a £22m re-structuring includes a premium "pick in the red and will see its focus other new formats will also be with the loss of 143 jobs.

so many of our staff will be

He said the re-structuring was necessary to address several years of under-performance, which had seen erratic profits and falling market share. He blamed dated store designs, a "manufacturer's mentality" and the shops.

Staff have spent too much time either on administrative tasks or in product preparation New retail formats are being such as "chopping up toffee", tested. Cafe Thorntons fea- Mr Paffard said.

tures a coffee bar at the front which sells pastries and ice-cream.

Thorntons has already an-nounced the sale of its Belgian subsidiary, Gartner Pralines and is also withdrawing from Prance. As announced in June, esterday that pushed the mix counter in addition to the its five manufacturing facili-Derbyshire company £14m into usual Thorntons ranges. Three ties will be consolidated into two

Of the £21.9m charges, £8m "We're going too fast for it is to cover the cost of with-The changes are part of a to be painless," Mr Paffard drawing from the continental subsidiaries, £10m for the retail re-structure and £3.4m for the rationalisation of the UK

> The company plans to increase capital expenditure from £7m to £17m a year for the next three years.

Pre-tax profits in the year to June were down sharply to £8m from £11m the pervious year. Trading in the first quarter has been strong with like-for-like sales 19 per cent of the same period last year. Last year's sales were ravaged by the summer

Thorntons shares jumped 11p to 178.5p.



Roger Paffard: Plans to focus on Thornton's retail side and try out new shop formats

### Millennium buys London hotel for £81m

Millennium & Copthorne Ho-tels, which recently floated on lennium property, denoting it the stock market, is boosting its. a four-star deluxe hotel fopresence in the booming Lon-don market by buying the 318-room Britannia in Mayfair from Inter-Continental Hotels for \$81\text{m}\$ cash.

Loudon portfolio of luxury hotels that includes the Gloucester, Bailey's Hotel, The Chelsea Hotel and the Copthorne Tara.

Same in the Plaza Hotel.

The company, which recently reported a 53 per cent increase in first-half pre-tax profits to £15.1m, said selective acquisitions were an important profits.

The Britannia has been valued at £83m and made £5.3m operating profits in 1995. Funding for the purchase will be drawn from Millennium's

own resources.
Millennium's shares rose 3p to close at 318.5p. Its shares have risen almost 15 per cent since they began trading on 25

April.

The company said it would

The company, which is 55 per in Germany and three in New cent owned by CDL Hotels, a York - including a 42 per cent York – including a 42 per cent

acquisitions were an impor-tant step in its growth strategy. Peter Taylor, director of UK operations, said: "London.

other than where we're located now, is obviously of interest." A tourist boom and a room shortage in the capital is fuelling demand. Occupancy rates this summer hit their highest levels

in a decade at 82.5 per cent. The company is also looking at other locations including Europe and North America.

#### In Brief

Wilson (Councily) Holdings has agreed to sell 150 acres of land in Dunfermline for an undisclosed sum to the £2.4bn Hyundai microchip plant development, which will create 4,000 local jobs. The land is being acquired by Fife Enterprise, which is part of Scottish Enterprise, on behalf of Hyundai, the South Korean industrial group. Wilson said it also had more than 500 acres on the site which is identified in the Fife Structure Plan for the expansion of Dunfermline and comprises the major housing allocation for the next 20 years.

 Trafficmaster reported a increase in half-year losses from £1.2m to £142m, but Sir James McKinnon, chairman, said considerable progress had been made towards meeting the company's objective of being a profitable and pre-eminent provider of traffic information. A deal has been struck with Vauxhall to integrate its Oracle voice-based traffic information product into the car manufacturer's Vectra range, which will be worth more than £3m in the first year. Vauxhall will be taking a minimum of 100,000 Oracle units. Deals are expected to be completed by the year-end which will see annual demand rise to 190,000-200,000.

• More O'Ferrall, the outdoor advertising group, is buying SHF Communications, a New York-based bus shelter advertising company, for £4.5m in cash and shares. SHF, which had sales of \$2m (£1.28m) and made pre-tax profits of \$800,000 in 1995, will change its name to Adshel Inc.

• James Smith Estates has exchanged contracts for the £7.6m purchase of a portfolio of 18 freehold retail properties, currently producing £686,000 net income a year, for £7.6m. Half of the properties, valued at £4.3m, will be held in the company's investment [Sertfolio and are fully let to Abbey National, Boots, BSC (Footwear), Halifax Building Society and Robert Dyas. The remaining nine properties, valued at £3.3m, will be held as trading properties. All but one is fully let to tenants which include Boots, Burtons, Help the Aged and AG Stanley.

• Toy Options is buying World Wide Licences, the Hong Kongbased distributor of Disney and other licenced character LCD and analogue watches, for up to £6.45m. The company is also placing 1 million shares at 105p each.

 Stoves shareholders were told at the annual general meeting that sales to date were well ahead of last year's difficult first quarter. However, Sean O'Connor, chairman, said the market for domestic appliances remained competitive.

 Primary Health Properties is buying two doctors' surgeries in Chorleywood, Hertfordshire and in Droitwich, Worcestershire for a total £1.8m.

• Internet Technology Group has been admitted to the Alternative Investment Market. Dealings in the shares of the Internet service provider are due to commence on Friday.

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	Bloomsbury Publishing (I)	4 40m (3.05m)	-4 41m (-0.39m)	-4.41p (-4.55p)	0.7p (0.68p)	
	Intermediate Capital (I)	- (-)	11.1m (10.5m)	15.3p (14.9p)	4.8p (4.3p)	
×-	Lucas Verily/Lucas ledes (F)	2.99bn (2.800n)	180m (30.4m)	12.1p (3.8p)	- (-)	
Ψ,	Nanchester United (F)	53.3m (60.6m)	15.4m (2 <sup>0</sup> 0m)	18.4p (23.4p)	5.2p (4.5p)	
	Merivale Moore (F)	11.2m (14.9m)	0.76m (2.22m)	1.7p (7.83p)	3.5p (3.75p)	
	Rackwood Mineral (i)	10.0m (8 47m)	0 66m (0.65m)	2.54p (4.06p)	1p (1p)	
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	Thorntons (F)	97 6m (95 7m)	-13.8m (10.5m)	23.46p (10.36p)	5.3p (5.3p)	
	Trafficmaster (f)	1 34m (1.30m)	-1.42m (-1.12m)	-6.2n (5.1p)	-{-}	
	Walker Greenback (f)	51.5m (45 Om)	4.36m (4.24m)	2 42p (2.51p)	1.3p (7.3p)	
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### St Ives looks impressive in print

in another year of record annual fig-ures from St Ives, the printing group. Just weeks after rival Watmoughs saw its shares dive 10 per cent on news of lower profits and a warning of over-capacity in the industry, St Ives has been able to report a healthy 19 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £42.2m for the year ity. Henderson Crosthwaite expects

The figures were all the more im-pressive given the continuing problems the group is having with new presses at its Caerphilly works and the pause in the magazines market caused by volatile paper prices. Poor reliability and low productivity have dogged the Heidelberg Harris machines at Caerphilly for the past year or so, at a cost to the group of up to £1m, according to one analyst's guesstimate.

Meanwhile, profits in UK magazines, where St Ives is a leading player, sufsharp rise in paper prices. Although the group bears no direct risk from the infered as a result of last autumn's crease in costs, its customers do and the higher prices prompted them to cut back pagination and delay the launch of some new titles.

But the outlook is now looking up on both fronts and elsewhere St Ives is firing on all cylinders. Book printing continues its solid growth, despite the collapse of the net book agreement. The multi-media business printing inserts for CD-Roms and compact discs continues to grow at double-digit takeover and other financial documents rode high on another bumper year for

City bids and deals. But the real growth for St Ives, fac ing a mature and oversupplied UK market for its traditional services, lies in direct response promotional printing and overseas. Growth in the UK market for direct mail at up to 9 per cent is several times that of St Ives' bread and butter business and it is continuing to win custom ranging from the Inland Revenue to BUPA.

This market has also been the focus for the group's recent acquisitions, with Johler Druck in Germany chipping in £2.7m for 11 months and the recent £22.6m purchase of Perimuter of Ohio due to contribute this year. Expenditure is likely to wipe out the group's cash pile by next August, but the group could still spend £40m and leave gearing at a comfortable 30 per cent or so.

Certainly the group may struggle to maintain recent rates of growth in the core business this year. Even so, the rise in high street sales means the general environment for St Ives's products is improving, particularly magazines, and it should be helped by the recent de-

### Quality was again the dominant theme in another year of record annual figures from St Ives, the printing group. THE INVESTMENT COLUMN in any case, both are products Lucas was developing long before Varity emerged on the scene.

EDITED BY TOM STEVENSON

ST. IVES: AT A GLANCE

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Market value: £464bn, share price 462.5p

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such a conservatively managed group.

#### **Mature markets** slow down Lucas

Lucas Industries' last set of results as a separate company helped demonstrate why it will have to reach top gear quickly to meet investor expectations in its new merged incarnation as Lucas Varity. Its main automotive and aerospace markets This is a problem for a business with clas-

sically high operational gearing.
Stripping out the contribution from
Lake Center Industries, underlying
sales in the automotive sector, the source of 80 per cent of the group's £3bn turnover last year, grew by just 5 per cent. Aerospace turnover grew by a healthier 8 per cent, helped by booming sales of the Rolls Trent 800

Five Year record

Dividends per share (pence)

Turnever by business

Pre-tax paniits (£m)

15%

cision by a major player to cut capacity. Henderson Crosthwaite expects which feature Lucas control systems. profits to hit £47m, putting the shares on a forward p/e of 15. Fair value for to £47m flattered to deceive, being a product largely of the restructuring provisions used to cover losses in the Geared Systems division.

> to earnings, as result of cost savings and tax benefits - Lucas alone has some £160m of accumulated tax losses and unutilised ACT But investors are justified in wondering where the growth will come from after that, even with the aggressive figure of Victor Rice at the wheel.

> disposal or closure of businesses accounting for £200m of sales at best.
> Lucas Varity says that future earnings

> enhancement will lie in selling more sophisticated products with increased value-added content such as the new electronic brake actuation and power steering systems it is developing. But initially these will be small beer and,

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Share price pence

#### With a prospective p/e of 16 times for 1997, based on profits of £325m, falling to 13 in 1998, the shares might not look expensive but there are bet-

The other growth area - develop-ing countries such as India, Korea and China - will take time to bear fruit.

The merger with Varity of the US will provide an immediate 20 per cent boost

United showing plenty of flair Manchester United's performance on the stock market has all the flair of a

Ryan Giggs shimmy. With television money pouring into the sport and foot-Lucas Varity lacks clear market dominance in any area.

Meanwhile, the restructuring to be unveiled in the next six weeks will be ball clubs becoming increasingly savvy about exploiting merchandising and other commercial opportunities, it is small wonder that United's shares comparatively modest, involving the disposal or closure of businesses acpany was floated in 1991 and edged 2p higher to 453.5p yesterday. Yesterday's results for the year to

July showed that the Old Trafford money making machine is still going strong, though last year's record off the pitch was not the club's best. Profits before transfer fees were flat at £16.7m - including signing fees they fell from £20m to £15m. The main reasons ng of part of the Old Trafford stadium, which reduced spectator capacity, the absence of income from the European Champions League and the replacement of video and publishing sales with a royalty income. On the plus side there was a boost from the Euro 96 games staged

at the ground. This year the sales line should improve dramatically. The new stand is completed and the 55,000 capacity stadium is selling out regularly. United is in the Champions league this season, which should be worth at least £5m.

But with gate receipts now account-ing for just 35 per cent of sales, it is television money that is increasingly important. The Premiership's lucrative new contract with BSkyB starts next season. There is also the possibility of a pay-per-view deal and cable TV programming. Chief executive Martin Ed-wards warned that capital expenditure costs would remain significant.

Wise Speke is forecasting pre-transfer profits of £23m this year. After such a strong run there is an argument for taking some profits but the possibility of more TV deals makes the shares well worth holding.

#### Increase in bank loans hits ICG

JILL TREANOR Banking Correspondent

Intermediate Capital Group. which provides mezzanine finance, yesterday reported a 5 per cent increase in interim profits to £11.1m but warned it was facing tough competition from cash-rich banks.

"Because banks in the UK have more money than they did... they've started lending what might have been mezza-nine finance instead," said Tom Bartlam, managing director of ICG.

Despite the warning, which some analysts said could have been stronger given the increasing competition, the interim dividend is being lifted

by 12 per cent to 4.8p.
While banks were lending aggressively in Britain, Mr Bartlam said ICG's business was gradually growing in continental Europe. An office has been opened in Paris and, said Mr Bartlam, "if anyfinance in France, they come to us first

ICG has helped finance several management buy-outs in the UK this year, such as Great Western Trains and HMSO, although the number of new loans executed during the year was relatively low because deals were taking longer than anticipated to arrange.

But, in the second half, ICG said new lending had been strong. As a result, fee income should be "significantly higher" which would have a positive impact on core income.

Core income – net interest

and dividend income and fee income minus operating expenses - was il per cent higher at £5.6m at the half-way

stage.
ICG also manages money for investors and has £100m under management, an amount Mr Bartlam would like to see increase even though only two-thirds of that money has been placed by

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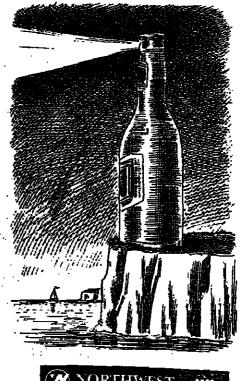
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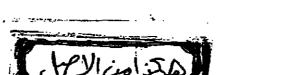
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### A small ITV outpost attracts big names

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Why would some of Britain's top media companies want to buy a tiny ITV franchise in the South-west of England? The question is raised by the quite extraordinary response to the auction of Westcountry, licence holder in Devon and Cornwall, which has attracted at least four serious bids ranging from just under £40m to perhaps as much as £70m.

The answer, as usual, is complicated. Certainly the freer ownership rules in the new Broadcasting Act are one reason. Further consolidation of the ITV sector is not only likely but was actually anticipated by the Government when it set the new liberal limits.

But for each of the bidders the rationale is slightly different. For HTV, licence holder in Wales and the West, Westcountry is attractive as a relatively cheap way of expanding its ITV empire. The Welsh company has put in a low-ball bid, pitched at less than £40m, which would allow it to add 2 percentage combining some operations.

There are at least three other serious bids on the table - from United News & Media, Carlton and CanWest, the Canadian broadcaster that failed to win the new Channel 5 terrestrial TV licence last year. The two giant ITV companies

have no great interest in Westcountry on its own. Carlton Communications, which owns the Central and London weekday franchises, has its eyes firmly on HTV, the bigger fish, which has been in the takeover frame for the better part of a year. Holding back Michael Green, Carlton's chief executive, has been the soaring stock price of HTV, now heading towards £4. Westcountry is a side show to the main event: nice to pick up if the price is right, but

that UNM is fighting a rear-guard action to protect the the ceiling on the number of business of its sales house, licences that can be held by a negotiation through the press.

points to its share of national advertising revenues and give it toom to make cost savings by

TSMS, which currently sells on advertising revenues and give it behalf of both Westcountry and paying over the odds for its first television company was enough chises, Anglia and Meridian. A bid by Cariton for HTV, and the loss of the (admittedly tiny) business represented by Westcountry, would combine to take significant market share away

from TSMS. The wild card bidder is believed to be CanWest, which has been desperate for a foothold in the UK broadcasting sector. Very successful in its home market of Canada, and increasingly preoccupied by its stake in the Ten Network in Australia, Can-West has been looking at the UK in earnest since the early 1990s.

At least one other bid was submitted last week, and it came from a surprising corner: GWR, the commercial radio company. But, after word leaked that the modest-sized company had been eyeing Westcountry, GWR's certainly not crucial on its own. advisers were forced yesterday The same strategy is being to deny any intention of propursued by United News & ceeding with an offer. Despite a Media, with the added nuance desire to expand out of radio,

to scupper the plans.

There is still a huge question mark, therefore, over the price Westcountry's owners are likely to get. Its backers, particularly Daily Mail & General Trust, are said to be looking at other television options, and are ready to sell out if the price is right. But some analysts suggest it is the cloudy profits outlook for the small company that is really behind the decision to sell.

Westcountry currently benefits from the small ITV companies subsidy and receives cash from Channel 4 under the controversial levy system. Together, the payments are equal to the company's total profits. There is an expectation that both sources of income could be phased out within three years, leaving Westcountry with an uncertain future.

In the end, it could be that Westcountry decides to go for a stock market flotation after all, eschewing what it probably feels are low-ball bids and too much

Owners: Daily Mail & General Trast, Britiany, agrees, Sover West Water employees Business (TV licence holder for the South west of Faster Business: (TV licence richem to any Market capitalisation: private company

THE BIDDERS

Business: ITV licence holder for Wales and the West. Market Capitalisation: £330m

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Market Capitalisation: £2.8bh

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CanWest (and partners)

Business: international broadcaster based in Winniper

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### Concern over Jersey law shift

PHILIP JEUNE

The role played by the accountants Price Waterhouse and Ernst & Young in the drafting of Jersey's controversial limited liability partnerships law is to be investigated by a committee of inquiry. Although the law was finally approved by the States of Jersey two weeks ago, the use of leading QCs to assist in its drafting - alleged to have cost the accountancy firms in excess of £1m - has raised se-

The law, the first of its kind in Europe, will enable large partnerships to protect their partners' personal assets from litigation. Price Waterhouse was re-

sponsible for setting the law drafting process in motion, suggesting through a letter from its lawyers to the island's finance authority that it would be keen to register as a limited liability partnership (LLP) in Jersey if suitable legislation was enacted.

The letter also intimated that Ernst & Young would also leave the City and re-register in Jersey, prompting the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, to try to persuade the big six accountancy firms to re-

The committee of inquiry approved by the States of Jer sey yesterday will also investigate the speed with which the law was drafted. It appears to have been "fast tracked", taking precedence over many other

laws waiting to be drawn up.

This fast tracking led to allegations of sleaze being made against a senior politician, Reg Jeune, who is head of the committee responsible for the island's law drafting programme and a consultant to the legal firm that lobbied on behalf of

Price Waterhouse. The allegations, hothy denied and never substantiated. led to the expulsion from the States of Jersey of the young backbencher who made them, Stuart Syvret, but neither the allegations nor the expulsion is to be examined by the committee of inquiry, whose terms of ref-erence restrict it to procedural

Jersey's government does not yet have the legal power to set up an independent committee of inquiry - ironically the k, islation that would allow this was one of the items overtaken b, the LLP law. The committee will therefore comprise States members, a move that was strongly criticised vesterday.

# Lord Sterling: Game for a laugh

### Chunnel Trouble set to make Lord Sterling's day PEOPLE & BUSINESS

Here's the perfect gift for Lord Sterling's Christmas stocking: a new

game called "Chunnel Trouble". The P&O chairman, whose ferries are locked in combat with Eurotunnel for cross-Channel business, will no doubt be delighted by the game, which consists of nine blocks and two railway lines.

The makers, Pentangle of Hampshire, say: "Players are told that the British and French railway workers have been asked to keep two trains simultaneously running through the Channel Tunnel link.

"Unfortunately, due to unforeseen maintenance problems, only one main line is available. By shunting the carriages of two trains in and out of the siding under the sea, can you help them avoid the loss of business to the ferry companies?"

The game is causing huge mirth at P&O, which is merging its cross-Channel ferry operations with its rival, Stena. The game retails at £9.99 and is in the Save the Children Christmas catalogue.

A spokesman for Lord Sterling, suspects there may be more to the

game's maker than meets the eye:
"It's not a subsidiary of Eurotunnel in a desperate attempt to get down its interest burden, is it?"

No, it isn't. Ron Cook, who founded Pentangle in the village of Over Wallop near Andover 25 years ago, says Chunnel Trouble is an adaptation of a game which was in-

"We initially tried to interest both the ferry people and the shuttle company in Chunnel Trouble." Sadly they were not interested.
"Funny, that," comments a Eurotunnel spokesperson acidly.

Whent went, in came Gent. Vodafone has promoted Chris Gent as chief executive in place of Sir Gerald Whent, who is to retire at the end of the year. From I January 1997, Mr

Whent will become a non-executive director and deputy chairman.

Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman of Vodafone, says: "Gerry Whent is now 69 and has been chief executive since the company was formed 13 years ago.... His performance has been magnificent." A Vodafone spokesman went further, describing him as "the Godfather of the industry".

Mr Whent will now have more time to help his wife Sarah, who breeds race horses. Several weeks ago he sold some Vodafone options to buy more land for the gee-gees.

Sibling rivalry is alive and well at BZW. Last week Keith Jenkins was recruited from Morgan Stanley as a director and head of BZW's yen trading in London. Yesterday Keith's brother Gary Jenkins, who joined BZW 11 years ago, was promoted to be head of European

credit research in the bank's fixed income division.

Apparently Gary, who coached cricket for the MCC at Lords before he entered the City in 1985, told a BZW press spokesperson. "You sent out a press release about Rory, so you can send one out about me." Now the race is on for the biggest Christmas bonus.

"Crook is new ML Holdings chief." That's how the ICV company news service chose to convey the ap-pointment yesterday of Derek Crook as chief operating officer for

the ML engineering group.

The chairman of ML. Tim Sallitt, says that Mr Crook will replace Howard Grant, who is retiring.
Mr Sallitt explains: "The shift in
ML's business interests from aerospace engineering to electronic component distribution means that Mr Črook, who has for some years been the director responsible for

the group's ECD companies, is ide

ally suited to take the group for-

ward through the next stage of its development."

Perhaps it is no surprise that Rowland Gee, the ebullient managing director of Moss Bross, has been so successful at opening up new clothes stores. Mr Gee learnt his trade at father Cecil Gee's Shaftesbury Avenue shop in the Sixties, where stars like Sir Cliff Richard and Adam Faith would drop in for a cappuccino at the store's coffee bar while they waited

to collect their "fab gear". Then Mr Gee junior was packed off the Paris to learn the fashion trade proper. He still gets a kick from opening new stores, says a spokesmen, as could be seen a week ago at the new Manchester branch of Hugo Boss. It's not all glamour, though. Mr Gee has sensibly stuck to a cheap head office above Clapham Junction railway station. I

wonder if it's got a cappuccino bar? John Willcock





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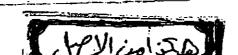
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Williams' technical director really does want his British driver to win the world title on Sunday, says Derick Alisop

### Head's heart wants Hill to win justice

f Damon Hill fails to win the Formula One world championship on Sunday, Williams will doubtless be portrayed in some quarters as the villains of the piece. Or more specifi-cally, their two bosses, Frank Williams and Patrick Head,

Having sacked Hill and re-placed him with Heinz-Harald Frentzen for next season, it would, after all, seem logical for the team to prefer Jacques Villeneuve to take the title in the decisive Japanese Grand Prix. Their engine partners, Renault, and various sponsors would certainly rather like to display the No 1 next term.

The erosion of Hill's champ-ionship lead from 25 points to nine has aroused suspicion among the more jingoistic. Head's assertion that the British driver was "too slow" in Portugal met with anger, indignation and retaliatory letters in the specialist press. Those directed to Williams' technical director have been filed with Hill's broken parts. He was not exactly accused of treason, but pretty much as good as.

These literary headhunters may be surprised, if sceptical, on hearing his response, but should perhaps hear it anyhow. Head said: "I would be very sad if Damon did not win it because we had a six-year association and virtually all of it has been pleasurable. I think he deserves the championship. He's won more grands prix this year than any other driver and I hope he gets the championship.

"I have not had as close a relationship with Damon in the latter part of this year and I think he probably feels I have not been one of his strongest supporters, and that is one of the things I have to deal with. But in terms of providing the best possible equipment to both drivers, we have done every-

thing to that end." By Hill's own admission, the clutch problem which affected his car late in the Portuguese Grand Prix had no bearing on the outcome. Villeneuve was already in the clear and prolonging the title contest.



Patrick Head: 'I think the drivers' championship matters more to our partners and sponsors than it does to us'

The point I tried to make at Estoril was that Damon allowed a 15-second advantage in the middle of the race to slip away. I did not mean Damon

' Head said. "But when somebody is leading the championship, he tends to be more conservative in the later stages, as Alain Prost was in 1993. Damon seems to have gone into his conservative mode, whereas Jacques is in a

was slow, just that he was going

too slowly to win that race.

Maybe he was unlucky in traf-

no-lose situation. "Overall, Damon has been quicker and Portugal is proba-

bly the only race where Jacques has genuinely been the quicker. I didn't expect Jacques to be in a position to win the championship and thought Damon would be stronger right through the year. I thought it would have been over before Portugal, let alone Japan."

Williams will feel the trend erably cheaper. vindicates their decision to drop Hill. It is understood they would have preferred to unload him before this year, but had run out of options. Hill undermined his positive response in the first half of the season by declaring he would be "footloose and fancy free" at the end of it.

The remark smacked of disloyalty and was interpreted as a blatant attempt to up the ante. Williams, still unconvinced Hill would be able to resist Michael Schumacher in a more competitive Ferrari, decided to take up their option on Frentzen's services, which also came consid-

Head admits they took "a stab in the dark" with Villeneuve, but Williams believe the self-assured, developing French-Canadian has proved he is not fazed by Schumacher, his audacious manoeuvre to pass the German at Estoril illus-

Williams and Head approved of that. "I do like to see the car have its neck wrung," the latter said. "There have been many races when Damon has extracted the maximum from the car, but our decision has to lead you to conclude we would like to get more out of it.

Only around the middle of next year will we see if we were right to sign Heinz-Harald. It's not just a case of beating Schumacher. We're looking to gather stronger weaponry, and at the time we decided to opt for Frentzen and not Damon we clearly felt that was the better

Photograph: Alisport

Ironically, Hill has only to caress the Williams around Suzuka's figure of eight circuit to become champion. A point will be enough, even if Villeneuve wins the race.

The gentlest of treatment cannot guarantee reliability, however, and Williams are acutely conscious they must be seen to be scrupulously fair to their drivers this weekend.

For only the third time this season, they are taking four cars. The other venues were Monaco, where a team can easily lose two cars in an aborted start, and Silverstone, which is ionships can hardly be dejust up the road from the team's scribed as incompetent.

Oxfordshire factory. Head said: Imagine the situation if both drivers had a bump, the race was stopped and both came running back to the pits for the spare How would we be able to decide who should have it?"

Head and the team's chief designer, Adrian Newey, are further additions to the team effort in Japan this week. Had the championship been decided, they would have been back at base, working on next year's car.

Testing after the Portuguese Grand Prix gave the team the opportunity to make rigorous reliability tests. "That problem Damon had in the race was not actually with the clutch, but the disengagement mechanism," Head said. "It was a seized bearing, so we've tested a hearing and various other things."

The nuts and bolts of business, however, are another matter. And all the public demonstrations of evenhandedness might also be considered to provide the perfect cover for a discreet tweak somewhere to give Villeneuve. and Williams, the No 1 next

The cynicism comes as no surprise to Head, a veteran of much Formula One conflict

and controversy.
"I don't think it makes any difference to us who wins," he said. "Sometimes there is an advantage to be gained by your position in the pit lane, but that is decided by the constructors' championship and we won that. think the drivers' championship matters more to our partners and sponsors than it

Williams have lost three previous champions - Nelson Piquet, Nigel Mansell and Prost - in the last nine years, and although the circumstances in each case have been different, Head said: "That means either we are incompetent or we are not that concerned. Others can decide

which they think it is." The team that has, this season, equalled Ferrari's record of eight constructors' champ-

### **Britain** receive **Davis** Cup bye

Tennis

Great Britain were given an outstanding chance of gaining pro-motion to the Davis Cup World Group when the draw for next year's competition was made vesterday

David Lloyd's side, who recently gained promotion from Euro-African Zone Group Rec. need to win only two ties next year to rejoin the elite 16 nations in 1998 after Britain received a live in the first round of Group One. They must beat either Zimbabwe or the Ukraine at home in the second round indoors in April to ensure a World Group qualifying match next September.

The second round will be played at either Telford Brighton or Nottingham, with Zimbabwe Britain's likely opponents as they have the Black brothers — the world No 49. Byron, and No 248, Wayne—and 26 are favourites to beat the Ukraine. Zimbabwe have home advantage and Andrei Medvedev, currently ranked No 31 but once as high as the world No 4, is the only Ukrainian of any

Andre Agassi and his American Davis Cup team-mates face a potentially hazardous trip to Brazil when they launch their World Group campaign next February. Last month Thomas Muster led an Austrian walk-out in their Davis Cup tie in São Paulo after intimidation from fans.

Greg Rusedski maintained his recent form by reaching the second round of the Peking

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LATEST RESULTS AND TOP 50 TEAMS

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Mr Ian Newcastle	S.G.W.
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Mr John Perkins	Lincoln St. Giles
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We are also publishing our Top 50 League table (see left). It lists the overall top scoring Indepen- on Sunday. dent Fantasy Football managers and their teams The overall Top 50 League table will be printed for matches played between Saturday 17 August - Sunday 29 September.

Injury problems? Poor form? If your team is in need

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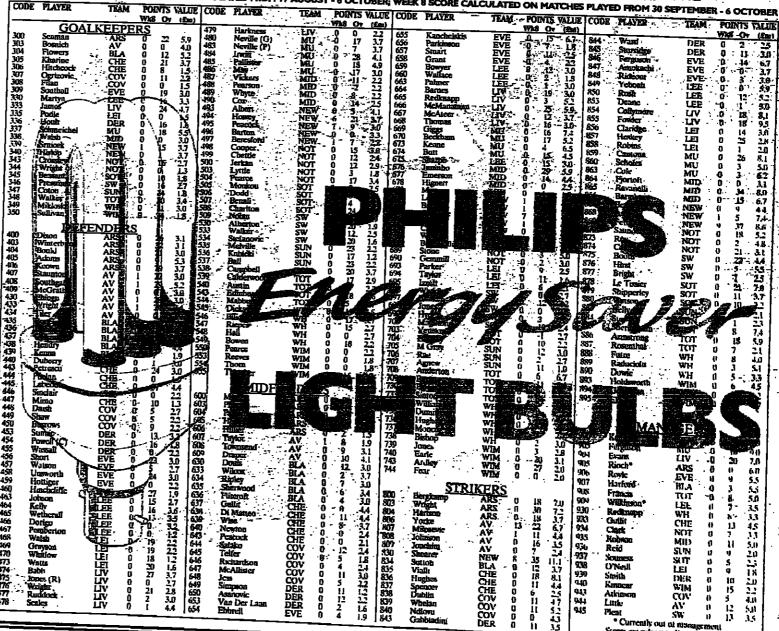
previous Monday to Sunday inclusive. They will also appear the following Sunday, in the Independent

every Wednesday and again on Sunday. Terms and conditions as previously published and available upon request.

### Independent Fantasy Football game, which starts on 23 October and runs until noon, The overall winner at the end of the season will be the en-

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### A natural puts his talent to the test

John Durkan could have started his training career by renting a yard on Newmarket's Hamilton Road, racing's equivalent of a Wimpey estate. Instead be chose to buy Harry Thomson Jones's Green Lodge, one of the most historic stables in town.

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He could have gone to Doncaster when the sales season started but again pitched high, flying off to mix with the blue bloods at Keeneland before jetting back to the Yorkshire sales arena with his shopping list.
If this makes Durken seem like one

of the breed more interested in image rather than substance, the presumption could not be more wrong. "I'm just concerned about doing everything the right way." Durkan said. "When you get the chance of a yard like Green Lodge, in the town but right beside the gallops, you have to take it." have to take it."

Durkan has made a habit of taking his chances: persuading an initially reluctant Charlie Brooks to take him o as a pupil-assistant seven years ago, moving on to the role of assistant and amateur rider at Oliver Sherwood's stable, before accepting the same po-sition at the 170 horse-power Flat sta-ble of Sheikh Mohammed's No 1, John Gosden.

From each he learned. "Charlie is never afraid to take a chance with a new idea and with Brian Delaney [the head lad] there from the old regime of Fred Winter I got the best of both worlds. Oliver is very thorough, another out of the Fred Winter school John Gosden is meticulous, a very pa-

Durkan's grounding did not begin

John Cobb meets Newmarket's newest trainer, John Durkan

when he arrived in Lambourn, though His racing education started in Ireland at the age of 10 when his father, Bill, took out a licence to train and the remarkable chasing mare Anaglog's Daughter came into their lives. Small of stature, but with the biggest heart and with feet that were even larger, she sloshed her way to muddy, well-celebrated victories from

Ascot to Cheltenham to Chepstow. The young Durkan got an early op-portunity to find out what a great horse is really like, riding her at work and in her schooling - an education

for both of them.

Bill Durkan had come over to Britain in the 1950s and, starting from scratch, had created an impressive building firm. His main concern was developing that business and, although he held the training licence. it was Ferdie Murphy who prepared

Murphy, now, at last, training in his own right and making headlines with the Cheltenham Festival winners Stop The Waller and Paddy's Return, put Durkan jur on a path he was more than willing to follow.

"Even then John had a great understanding with horses," Murphy said. "Every afternoon, when the boys came back from school and the other lads would be off playing tennis or football, he'd be straight into the yard. He was absolutely crazy

er. He could have been a good pro."
The racing photographer Ed Byrne has known the family since the Anaglog's era. He has seen more than enough of the good, bad and ugly in the racing world to know the differ-

ence and has never been afraid to tell ence and has never been afraid to tell people in which category they belong.

"John's a natural talent with horses," Byrne said. "He has an empathy with animals, they respond to him. Even the old dogs would follow him around the yard."

It will be high-class thoroughbaeds that Durken will be aiming to lead into winners' enclosures now and it is his "natural" ability that he will rely on.

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"I'll be aiming to keep it simple,"
he said. "Keeping things as close to
nature as possible. With all the hi-tech

equipment available you can get away from the fact that it's horses, not machines, you're dealing with."

That is what equine entrants to the stable can expect, but what about the

owners? "Involvement is the key. It's very important that they can come down to see their horses any day bar Christmas day. The house will be open the whole time." There will be an Irish accent to the

"open house", there, beside 30-yearold Durkan, will be his wife, Carol. But it would be a mistake to pigeonhole her into the traditional greeter and cook role of trainers' wives.

"Carol has ridden in races and rep-resents Ireland in three-day events." Also on the team, and these days



When the new owners arrive at the pen house", there, beside 30-year-index Durkan, will be his wife, Carol.

Durkan, will be his wife, Carol.

Durkan said. "She's a really good in an asset beyond price, will be Frankie Dettori, who has promised to ride says something about his hunger to win. It is one quality that will stand him Camas Park Stud and is a legendary pinbooker, a trade that relies on the ability to identify and buy foals which

Durkan's own riding career brought 93 wins, including successes on luminaries such as Run And Skip and Brown Windsor, and just nine falls in Also on the team, and these days seven seasons. But there were also 16

in good stead now, but only one of

many. "His pedigree and record is second to none," Sherwood, his old mentor, said. "If he can't make it as a trainer, no one will."

### Weaver a rebel with a cause

IAN DAVIES

He is not exactly James Dean but the deferential world of horseracing seems to have acquired a rebel. The jockey Jason Weaver vesterday decided to continue his battle with the Jockey Club by appealing against his latest ban for irresponsible riding, which rules him out of Newmarket's Cesarewitch meeting next week. Weaver got a four-day sus-

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Parish Walk NB: Corncrake (Nottingham 2.10)

pension at Pontefract on Monday which, if confirmed, will activate a five-day suspended punishment under the new totling-up system, taking Weaver's

days-banned this year to 42. Weaver said: "The punish-ment is far too much and, having viewed the incident, I have decided to appeal. Rules are rules but what happened was minimal. I don't consider myself a rough jockey. My other colleagues don't consider me a dirty jockey. But things have got worse this year. It was not a case of trying to win at all costs. I was

just trying to do my best."
The Tote was attacked by George Howarth, Shadow Minister for Home Affairs, at the British Betting Offices' Associ-ation seminar in West Bromwich yesterday. Howarth said: The leadership of the Tote has been poor. It needs shaking up." Howarth added Labour would try to introduce further

betting duty cuts for bookmakers and pools companies so they could compete with the National Lottery. The Arc winner, Helissio, stays in training next year after his owner rejected a \$25m of-fer for him. Helissio runs next

in the Japan Cup. Ireland's National Stakes winner, Desert King, misses this weekend's Grand Criterium in France to contest the De-

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1.30: 1. HITTYATI (T Sproke) 25-1;
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2.30: 1. GRYSTAL HEARTED (A McGore)
5-2; 2. Bround 4-1; 3. Royal Born 9-4 for.
10 res. 11-6, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £5-40, CSF:
£13.56. Li-0. £1.80, £1.70. DF: £5-40, CSF:
£13.58. Inc: £5.70.
3.00: 1. MEATI FILL OF SOUL (PA Edder)
4.1 for; 2. City Gempler 8-1; 3. Helio Doby

14.1; 4. Scarrotts 13-1; 20 rem. 17.; 5. m Pools.

Cole. Whatcombe. Tota: 15.10: £1.50. £2.80. £3.30. £4.20. DF: £48.80. €5F: £40.03. Intract: £424.98. Int: £341.£0. 3.30: £1.20. DF: £48.80. €5F: £40.03. Intract: £424.98. Int: £341.£0. 3.30: £1.70. £1.70. Bern; Ismanum, Intest. From Small Smal Ev. 2. Superhelle 4-1; 3. Superhell Up 12-1. 13 mn. 5, %, 9) Ceo, Newmorke). Tota: £1.60; £1.10; £1.50; £3.40; £7.65; £6.06. Tota: £28.00. NR: All in Leather, Star Erby. 5.00; £1. MASTER SEVELD: UF Egon! 9-2: 2. Road 7-1; 3. Disablered 12-1, 14 mm.

2. Rood 7-1; 3. Disallowed 12: 1. 44 mm. 4-1 in North Reof (Sin. Mr. %, P Exars, Webrooft, Total E.5.40; 22:0.0; 22:0. (3-39.0 Pr. 231.90, CSP; £36.42, Trot £141.10, MR: Barballen, Belzan, Impending Domps: Placeport #11.10. Place 8: £28.45, Place 5: £18.62.



HYPERION 4.00 Snow Partridge 4.30 Welf Mountain 2.30 STEP ALOFT (nep)

GOING: Good. STALLS: 5f, 6f 1 7f — stands sale; remainder — inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

II. Lell-hand, U-shaped course. Flat and ideal for the powerful galloper.

Course is Im S of city on A1035. York station 1m. ADMISSHON: County Stand 51:
(16-25 year-olds 511); Tamersalls 510; Silver Ring 55 (OAPS 52.50); Course Enclosure
53 (OAPs \$1.50). Under-16s free all enclosures. CAR PARE: 52, remainder free.

■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: H Coell — 29 winners from 112 rupner gives a success ratio of 25.5% and a lost to a £1 level stake of £11.63; J Dundop — 1 winners, 99 runners, 12.5%, -522.58; P Cole — 18 winners, 98 runners, 18.4%, -£10.5. R Hannon — 17 winners, 175 runners, 9.5%, -£70.56. E LEADING JOCKETS: Pat Rédery — 44 winners, 228 rides, 19.3%, -50:38; L Det tori — 42 winners, 192 rides, 31.9%, +536.58; W Caraco — 36 winners, 225 rides 16.9%, -536.50; W R Swinskyrs — 21 winners, 157 rides, 13.4%, +50.13. BLUNERED FIRST TIME: Einchmarch Hill (2.30); Danwe (3.90); Figlia (4.30); Hilsale (visored), Folar Reigne (whored) (5.00). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

	2	200	EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS 5) £5,000 added 2YO of Penalty Value £6,212
	1		BURRIES MANUR (140 Ad P Burle Developments Lighteds T D Barron 9 7 D Hamileon 3
i	2		GASLIC STORM (22) H C Racket Club) M Johnston 9 7M Roberts 5
	3		CLASS DISTRICTION (15) (The BMA Partnershot R Hannon 9 5Dene 07NeW 4
	4		1EVELLED (42) GAzagian Ltd) Mr Channon 93
	5		AMOUNTS (100) (D) (Mes.) 14 Codesto B (Hits 9.3
	6		ZURIADI (ED CO) CShaik Ahrand Youani Al Sebatà B Hambury 9 2
1	7	260	BLOOMING ANGUERRY (35) (C H & D W Stephenson Ltd) J L Byre 9 0 T Williams 1
1	ġ	526	STEP N 80 (67) Bost Potentiern) Mrs. 1 Remedian 8 10
	ğ		NOSTALEIC AIR (USA) (30) (3) (TA Scottera) E Weynes 8 9
ı	10		THE MINES (25) GITS (R Hom) W Mar 89 Whener 12
	11	00043	STYLE DIVICER (18) (Mrs C'A Hodgets) R Whiteler 8 9
1	12		DOM REPORT (82) (Mrs. K. Scott Benefit) J. Hills 7 10 M Remy (8) 10
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-12 declared 
PETTING: 4-1 Goods State, \$-1 Junjust, 11-2 Levelled, 6-1 Step N dai, 6-1 Class (Mathetice, 10-1 Televist, 12-1 Zepail, Recenting Awaring, States Manor, 16-1 One Release, Sylo Descar, 20-1 Mathetics, 18-1 Class (Mathetics, 18-1 Class (M

1985: Pasting Blue 2 8 13 1. Dethor 13-2 () Butting 14 cm
POINT, GUIDE:
CLASS DISTINCTION to des timosen in bette off a handlage mark of 80. Class Distinction duly son at Pontellace most time (Burles Namor third) and, following class races at Salabury and Newbury, he finished unbraced to Balancion Belgan in an Eponth sursey. He had a stiff track there, just been dropped field and areas, the bot on this more commentional track. Lamellade have Rods, Peterg over her sample that a displayment Rods, Peterg over her sample that a field Dense, Rods, Peterg over her sample that a field Dense, Rods, Peterg over her sample that the Salabure was Soos le Naz, who heat have been a followed as the Comment of the Comment of the same at the Rods and again showed promes in Jenith's race at Third next time. From Lynda Respectants part, she has been caying out for the extra further, Assume is a samilar race at many type as London. He won welly from Contestment at Catalonic, the should promise in a hot sace at Salabury on his debut and the booking of Fedgal Lynch takes the eye, Talleded and Zagadi (10th better off) may not be good enough on their time.

Salaction: CLASS DISTINCTION

2.30 BODDINGTON'S LIMITED STAKES (CLASS D) £8,000 added 1m 4f Pennity Value £6,056 025/060 NUACIONOCH MLL (D) (D) (J C Brackery) N Treker 7 9 2. 

STEP ALOFFicer follow up her energ win at Newmarket. Alone Cook leeps the ride efter that studi from public Wings, and this improving Sty is help to be in that grade because her rating in up to 33 for famule headlespe. Step Aloff is no longer a seconditis fly and it is worth receiving she business or lettery Caciffs Deaths at Power and the second that the second the second that the second the second that the se

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PORM STRUCT.

SADDLEHOMET has a temperative color and showed some of his old specific when fourth to Deviative under 10xx at Haydock (60) best time. The time shows were over this five shrings and fidence Quinn as a good booking. Soddichome with scales eight beights when 12xh to Sumples billiadion at Doucester lest month, but gothy? Blo guil glots bein a real chience of carring out on top. Surptice Mission would like the ground even polys 10x ungly a surptice best at this. He best Gene Savagia half-e-length in the Doucester rises with teams of the save distance best at this. He best Gene Savagia half-e-length in the Doucester rises with passes the save distance best at this. Heap may also the Admiral's save as Haydock when Gene Chienge restricted Royal Besses (Mission, who wouldn't have liked the ground. The Doucester Sava Roberts leaders, the days of source those places the first save save within the time. He had the ground. The doucest the save the save the save and body down at April last time, in hypercent from state saves, the little billian has a fire date out the save to the save and body down at April last time, in hypercent from state saves, the little billian has a fire date on the ground prove the transport of the save save and the grade could prove too storing, which known may star find these too atting. Here Canese A State, a not the could, while Layerary Seeling, the language to that Surptice Mission at Opinization, has closed with an time out, while Layerary Seeling, the language behind Surptice Mission at Opinization, has closed unto the past.

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	- 13	3.30	BOOKER CHEF'S LARDER HANDICAP (CLASS D) £8,000 added 1m 2f 85yds Pensity Value £6,888
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7,	1	010030	TIME FOR ACTION (10) (Min G.A.E. Smith) 14 Torquies 4 9 13
	2	231313	FREAMEND (LE) (D) (Scroot Potatoes) J.L. Bro 4 9 12 P. Laggle 16
	. 3	12500-0	GONE FOR A BURROW (18) (II) (IV) P! P Carrington) P Maion 6912
	4	001D0D	QUEENS CONSUL (15) (Mas House L Danson) B Portural 6 9 11
	5	290342	FOREST ROBEN (32) (Mrs P Robeson) R Johnson Houghing 3 9 8T Quiber 10
	6	1-00050	HAND CONFT (13) (Mrs M Hogges) W Hagges 4 9 7
	7	513400	MANUS ASSEMBLY (25) (D) (The Evertopelas ) P Hanis 4 9 5
_	8	123606	PREZELENE (19) @nd Chebro) J Donko 3 9 8 M Roberts 2 9
	9		OCEAN PARK (12) (D) E Reigh Lady Harmes 5 9 4 A Clark 18
	10		PASTERNAK (B) (D) (Statem Rock) Str Merk Preson: 3 9 4 (Sect
	11		BOWLED OVER (15) (C) R M Ques) C Quar 3 8 13
18	12		APOLLONO (12) (J X Russies & Mis A R Russies) J Farshous 4 8 13 S Sanders 11
	13	010010	STATIELY DAVICER (32) (D) (A E Oppenhaimer) 6 Wage 3 8 13M Hills 3
	14	10:3402	COMMENDER (LUSA) (117) (27) (Lord Homestri de Weister) Mas J Card 5 8 12 Martin Dayver (5) 5
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	16		CALDER 1998 1125 60F (D Clerkson) J.L. Bres 588
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<b>5,</b> .			Ferris Governor, S-1 Postamak, 7-1 Gode For A Burton, 10-1 Forest Robbs, 12-1 Obe-
<b>L</b>			ng, Francisco, Daka, Ocean Park, Apoliono, Statuty Degreer, 16-1 Time For Action,
_			cone Count, 20-1 King's Assembly, Marminto, Montel, Drawmer Hicks, 25-1 others

1992: Sheer Danze 3 9-4 L Detion 7-2 (R Amstrong) 13 ran

Sizes a steen test conceding the weight to FERMS GOVERNOR, who won an arrateur's manacing at nor-trigition a fortugist ago with Tim McCasthy still newleg her on the highe. Her mining has given up this, but is site has to be followed overtice seems thy with Gary Carter rating the side with only one below the till, in the handicap. Stately Democr is the type to figure. Site won a handicap over this trip at Yermouth and then hand 12 featings from the highest new on by Leading Soin; at Kertpinn, Goese Pasts may not be good enough at the selejtes, write softer ground suits Castler King, Goese Frank man and Manifal. Machinal Roberts could be just the main to sort out Pressitions, while Persent Robin and Delara (logistin is based by Robel County at Ayr) are others in with a stout.

[	1.00	CONSTANT SECURITY MEDIAN AUCTION MA (CLASS E) £8,000 added 2YO 1m Penalty V	IDEN STAKES Palue £6.628
1	40	ABSOLUTE LIBERTY (USA) (41) (Andrew Ruser) S Woods 9 ()	
2	04	CORNL (SLAND (S) (Septien J Curret J ForGrowt 9 C	Central 10
3	0	CYNEGRECIANOLOGY (10) (W.) Gradisy B Hills 90	H HE-14
4	` 6	HENET OF BOLD (33) IC Plate) Mas S Hall 9 C	R Hades 6
-5		ALE SHERWET (105) (Sovey Purcel) Mrs A Swinbank 9.0	
6		TALENDE (USA) (12) (Shelif) Mohammadi L Cummi 9 ()	
7	34	LOWE ME DO (USA) (123) (44 Doyle) M. Johnston 9 0	Weener 4
В		MON PERFORMER (83) (B W & J A Hartand) M Camarato 9 ()	
9		SER TALBOT (7) Oles F Percy-Davis R Hamon 9 0	
10	2	SNOW TAXITIED GE (USA) (75) (M Adult) P Cole 9 0	T Olden 8
11	0	TROOPER (7) (HRH Prince Faind Seimen) P Cole 9 0	R Hills 2
12		MISS KALAGEOW (CIE) 64s C A Wall C Wall 8 9	
13	6	WILL YOU DIRNCE (18) (Als Mark Bursel) J Durke 89	
14		ZIGERY'S VIOLA (Mrs C T Woodley) Mrs M Raveley 8 9	A College 9
		- 14 declared -	

BETTING: 7-4 Suow Partriago, 4-1 Cybertechnology, 5-1 Knilpini, 7-1 Leve like Du, 8-1 Str Talhot, WE You Dance, 14-1 Trooper, Hoert Of Bold, 16-1 Mins Knilpgiow, 20-1 others 1995: Proces Of My Heart 2 9 O Par Eddey 7-4 (8 Hills) 13 ray

1990C PRICES OF My HEAT 2 9 O PRE EXCREY 7-4 (9 HORS) 13 For 
FROM GLIBBE
SHOW PARTITIONE cases the pick of those on his debut second to Gay Relievely's Musheer at Ascot (Th. A half-brother to womens an France, he satjed on strongly suggesting a role was wented and the close that, Moran, won at Newbury read true and was also despositing of the was wented and the close of Partition has been from plany of time to monore from his centron and must take the beating even with so many similarly promising types in opposition. Will You Dealers bolds a sure-fire traprover over this male after a pleasung debut such to Ecole at Newbury (7th, as is the Authors coll six Debut, who was fourth in a big field to France at Selboury a week ago. Barry Hills, makes of Enrice, thought enough of Cyberneck-sellogy to out the coll as the hot, Autor) also won by Vehicl ten departure. A well-bestian seventh, he sill come on for the expedence and his down were over this tip. Neighbark debut by paramen City or Proteinsct suggests his come find this own as it into his Label Mello of fearth by an a lease to be before make

	4 30	718	BF SANCTON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D	) £5,000 added
	14.30	/ i -	O of Penalty Value £5,900	
	.1.	A	EDERICK_MARKS (F.) Sainsbury) M Heaton-Eds 9.0	Carrell 5
-	2 .	Ш	DING (Hampian Al Majdburn) P Walkyo 90	R##457
			DOWN SOURE (7) () R Good) M Johnston 9 0	
•	4		CONCENSE: (USA) (LSI) (Baron G von Lämann) & Wingg 9 0,	
	5	9	LINESKY Oddobskam Park Racing VB P Hastorn 9 0	Portuge 2
	6	. 1	LYLLYN (Distance Looker Study S Hales 9 0	
	7 25	30 W	DLF MOUNTAIN (8) (Lord Camerica) R Henson 9 0	
٠	8 (	05 P	BLIA (RG) (Y Weds) C 500th 8 9	Ctemock & B
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	BETTS48: 1	1487	leif Mountain, 5-2 Movembleer, 9-2 Indian Brave, 9-1 (Rise)	b, 10-1 Tel-Y Llyn, 20-1.
	Sulberry, J	<b>54</b> a	des	
			de 2.0 Det Steller 1.2 (D Charling) & ray	

WIGUE MOUNTAIN is bred to be out of the to please and this half-involve to Niche should finally click with this peopy closes very reach in his favour. Besten a head by Fun Gators on his debut at Newbury and then outstayed by importal President and Heads over seven fastorage on the same causes, Wolf Mountain's tainst defent is easily exclusible. Not helped by a low down in a missione field and having his first not not reach, which Mountain pulled very head and field to gain home over that salf steam after the legal. To his credit, Welf Mountain note beause only four lengths into night by Figure, and helf be a different proposition today with that true sure to bring laim on a few prounds. Misconshiber, who is not of the high-dees Marling, used no metats for Bachelors Pad at Goodwood a fortinght ago. But he at least gift a last closer to that not compared to his debut at Neumander, and both to be improved, Mailles Brave an green on his debut when besten by the amongly funded Denetice at Neuralesia test week and may need over separance. The pre-comms Tail-Feller Calained to she fatlong witness and the Green Desert cost gitteds will have to be senant to be the Mountain.

Selections WOLF MOUNTAIN

		5.00	MICKLEGATE RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) £12,750 added 1m Penalty Value £8,532
	1	3-51035	JURNAY (USA) (5) (3) (Heardan Al Melábum) Seced bin Surox 3 9 7
	5	201167	HAL'S PAL CLOS GER (Made: Seed D Loder 3 9 4
•	3	2212	GRAND MUSICA (25) March 3 Resize   Baking 3 9 1
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	Š	560060	TEXTICAL (4) (b) (N N South) M Ware 4 8 11
	š	2000550	UNDAM CYT ICON (T G Foot Lady Hentes 6 8 9
-	7	030000	· <b>CONTRACT PRODUCTS (25) (2) (3) (3) (3)</b> (3) (3) (3) (3) (4) (4) (5) (5) (6) (6) (7) (6) (7) (7) (7) (7) (7) (7) (7) (7) (7) (7
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	ŏ	1.11430	THE AND A SERVICE AND A CHARGE AS A Market Company P Windows 3 8 6 Carrol 5 Y
	10	600640	KALA SUMMEE (16) (A.E. Needham) C Sinds 3 8 5
=10 declared =			
-	BETHNES-1 Har's Pat, 5-1 Openson, Premiero, 6-1 April The Eighth, Jerob, 7-1 Grand Herica, 8-1		
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A sendy charpotition finate with dynacoult. Providers having a winning weight for the first time in signs. Name relation's mount has got leaded for some pop of inst reason, but what a change he has at the weights on his thinking wan of August hat year when he bear Decorated Hero and film Rose at Newton, Document Hero and film Rose at Newton, Document Hero and film Rose at Newton and the Concessor from of lest month is well worth noting. Whether he would have not not a closer not is debratable but Raifs Pail containly travelled sweety on the bride steet day, this Pail nosels the their got fourth, Jamah and Apad The Eighth, on worst terms. But he as since fun a context at Acad then second to Armank Apad. A but of a thinker but a cost with hops of shilly, Haifs pail sould revel on this fester track. Apad The Eighth and GRAND MUSSICA have both shows up well in deleast against the progressive Stor Of Zizal. Promots for the origins just gives flowed bears the edge and the
spiriting could also be better for the strength of Richard Quara other being claimer-sidden when second to
Stor Of Zizal at Goodwood. Apad The Eighth has been thousaning to van and det nothing worn in their of
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Stor Of Zizal at Egoodwood. Apad The Eighth has been thousand to be a Advancts Flowe at Wedsor and that women's sets a long way behind Fight Ped at Accot. Torthum makes a quick responsance other
the Combingamine, but he sensor to be being the fight with the handcopper. This Benefice twice these behand in 20th lower compared to his course with their sensor from Rayves. He lies fine ground and could
be well today with Peggal Lynch booled.

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### Poland rely on spirit to make up for the spats

England's World Cup opponents have problems uniting

The Poland supporter, clad in Are they, one wonders, singing statutory red and white, from the same song sheet? responded gamely to the televi-Standing outside the entrance to scarf for the cameras inspection and bellowed something which relied heavily on a central refrain

This terrace ditty - according to the interpreter - went on to explain that "Polish goals are the will of the supporters, they are what we want.

But as the Poles prepare for tonight's World Cup qualifier at Wembley, the question of what

Collins

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lead by

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Scotland, he will need to find tax-free, they are pleased for a

of emotion when Craig Brown sprung the news on him at a Edinburgh, a trek which started press briefing. But inside, the 28- at 6.30 each morning. year-old midfielder was "glow-ing". He went back to his hotel Collins' burning desire had

flappable Col- like another sport Club side and lins, whom the Scottish ing to buy him for £920,000.

game, which

tends to be

is not the type who wears his

heart on his sleeve. Tonight.

for the first time in 40 caps for

room there for the captain's

Collins showed not a flicker

armband.

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by example" in

the World Cup

st Estonia, the

became the first British player

to move abroad in the aftermath

of the Bosman case, joining

He then showed English

will achieve "the ultimate hon-

our" by standing in for the sus-

land's 2-0 win in Latvia on Sat-

Collins, who set up Scot-

pended Gary McAllister.

rugby heartland of the Borders get me for nothing."

Monaco from Celtic.

Phil Shaw, in Tallinn, talks to the French-based player who will lead Scotland into battle

French football is overlooked him

go-go-go' stuff end of his con-

long and hard to be an overnight

success. Though his interna-

tional colleagues rib him about

his reputed salary of £1m a year,

player who started out on the Hibernian groundstaff at £30 a

week. Some £16 of that went on

been to play for

n their Boys

He gave them

six years' ser-

Poland's veteran coach sion people's request for a song. Antoni Piechniczek, back in charge after a 10 year absence, his team's hotel, he produced his spoke cautiously yesterday as he appraised the prospects of his young and currently unaccessful side.

Piechniczek, who steered the Poles to third place in the 1982 World Cup and took them to Mexico four years later, has presided over defeats by Russia and Germany and a draw with Cyprus since : cturning in June, results which leave the team without a win in 12 matches.

teams in Europe," he said. "We with the squad on Sunday after overthrew at the end of the are like a boxer who defends himself with two hands and

then tries to give a counter." The vision arose of his side camping cautiously in front of their own goal at Wembley and sending out the odd expedi-

tionary force. Poland's midfield playmaker Piotr Nowak spoke about the job ahead far more blithely. "We must play our football, not just try to stop England," said the 32-year-old who only joined up

playing for his club, Munich

"If we just try to defend our 18-yard box we cannot win. We must also get forward. If we do that, we have as chance.

Where that leaves Polish tactics is a matter of conjecture. What is not in doubt is the difficulty they have had in assembling their squad given that so many of their players are now based abroad. Whatever the weaknesses of the regime Poland

for a common cause. Mike Rowbottom reports Eighties, you have to grant that at least the Communists could to play any further part in the World Cup campaign. make the training run on time. Andrezej Juskowiak, recent

scorer of three goals for Borus-sia Monchengladbach against Arsenal in the Uefa Cup, fellow forward Wojchiech Kowalczyk of the Spanish side Real Betis, and Feyenoord midfielder Tomasz Ivan, have all refused to play again for the coach after

Juskowiak's moods." Piechniczek said. A further problem appears to be looming for him after reports that whichever of his two goalkeepers, Maciej Szczesny and Andrzej Wozniak, is not picked tonight will refuse

Much of Poland's hope rests on the shoulders of Krzysztof Warzycha, of Panathinaikos, who is likely to be Poland's lone forward. But the merits of another striker are weighing heavily on the visitors right now. Asked to name the main threat tonight,

future looked good for the young Polish side. It was a message echoed by Zhigniew Boniek, star of the 1982 World Cup team who is currently advising the Polish FA, "We haven't had anything important to play for since we were knocked out of Euro 96," said Boniek now 40. "But the Polish spirit is still there, and you will

soon see a different side." He added, however, that have ing so many players abroad created a big problem. A bit rich that, given that he started it all by moving to Juventus after the 1982 World Cup.

John Collins: 'To be successful in Europe, British teams have to learn to keep the ball'

out Milan, and that Nantes lost he had a question for Monaco's coach, Jean Tigana, who in his prime alongside Michel Platini was similarly compact and creative: "I asked him what kind of player he saw

tract last seation of the headiest five months increasingly tempted to test his of his career. It began when he ability in a Continental context. "Celtic had inquiries from me as, and was relieved that Chelsea, Coventry, Middleshe'd realised I wasn't a winger brough, Everton and QPR," he or a wing-back. He uses me on said, "and I thought I was certhe left of three in central midtain to go to the Premiership. field, with Enzo Scifo on the clubs what had been under their But when I became a free agent right and a 'sitter' between noses by brimming with indus- a number of overseas clubs try and invention during Euro 96. were also interested. I was Needing to master his new

Now, with Monaco second in the French league, the boy from the 13m whereas Monaco could language in a hurry, Collins was fortunate that a French professor in Glasgow offered to Collins had no doubts about make him conversational in a the technical excellence of the fortnight. French game. He remembered

"He spent every day with me the awesome quality of the in Monte Carlo, for 12 hours Paris St-Germain team who solid," he recalled, "It was hard urday with a typically clever goal brushed aside Celtic. He noted, from a free-kick, has worked too, how Bordeaux knocked work but I did my first interview in French after 12 days."

ike another sport altogether from the Scottish game, which tends to be 100mph, 'go-go-go' stuff. At Monaco, it's as if we're playing a European tie every week. It's slow, slow, pass it around at the

then there's a sudden explosion When the opposition get the ball, they do the same, so you're getting more of a rest. Initially I was rushing to close players down like I would in Britain. I noticed my team-mates weren't going along with me, so I've had to adjust to their style."

back and through midfield, and

Before kicking a ball in earnest, he had to subject himself to Monaco's scientific training regime. Club doctors analysed his blood to see whether he lacked sugar or

The dressing-room patter iron or vitamins. Then they narrowly to Juventus in the was only one of several differ- wired him up and had him Champions' League semi-final. ences he discovered. "French pounding a treadmill, like a ment until he could run no more.

> A computer revealed which muscles weakened fastest, and Collins was assigned exercises accordingly. "Training now is mainly sprint work designed to give you that explosiveness," he said. "But at the pre-season camp they had us running in the forest at 7am and coming back for more throughout the day. I was so tired afterwards I just went back to bed. Now I feel

> stronger and sharper." The level of technique was even higher than he anticipated, with everyone so comfortable on the ball that Collins could not tell who the defenders were when they played five-a-sides. In the afternoon, when many British contemporaries are on the golf

during Brown's three years as

manager, in Greece and Eng-

land, both of which turned on

penalties. So the return to Es-

tonia, where they won 3-0 in one

of Andy Roxburgh's last matc-

hes, should not be unduly daunt-

ing even to a makeshift side.

Brown, conscious that Sweden's

optimum points total is 30 com-

course, Monaco's players hone

their skills. "I'm there to work, but it's shining. The environment's clean and healthy. And we live by the beach, so we can go and relax after training, which is something we could never do in

Glasgow. Nevertheless, Collins con-fesses to missing certain aspects of the Scottish scene. The changing-room clamour at halftime, to give one example, which contrasts starkly with the near silence in France.

The crowds for another, or more specifically Celtic's cacophonous following. Monaco attract around 5,000, one-tenth of his old club's most recent gate. "I knew I'd never find another atmosphere like Parkhead, which is the best in Britain if not the whole of

rather than for Sweden's visit to

Glasgow next month, but he will

be anxious that Collins, also booked in Riga, does not pro-

voke another yellow card.
"I am always disappointed

when any player gets his name

taken," Brown said. "But I never criticise officials because you

never know when you might get

Yet the passion pouring down from the stands can, in Collins' view, be counter-productive: a passing game at Celtic, but it has to be passing at tempo. The

patient way we build from the back at Monaco. "To be successful in Europe, British teams have to learn to keep the ball. They burn up so much energy charging around trying to win it back. Celtic and Rangers fans love to see

commitment, but too often it's channelled in the wrong way." That presumably accounts for the perception of Scottish football held by Tigana and his team - "not very good at all", Collins conceded - which in turn strengthens the temporary captain's resolve to help Scotland reach the finals being staged in the country that will be his

punters would never tolerate the home for the next three years. embourg delegate from the sport's world governing body, Fifa, was sufficiently unim-

#### **McCarthy** unveils his young guns

Mick McCarthy will put his new-look Irish team on show to the critics in Dublin tonight and invite them to judge how much progress he has made towards the goal of a third successive appearance in the World Cup finals.

pletely rebuilt the side, bringing in a crop of youngsters his nine caps in Sweden a year whom he hopes can continue 10 years of unprecedented Irish success. International novices such Gary Breen, Keith O'Neill and lan Harte have come of age. But the fans in Dublin will demand first-hand proof that the upheaval has been worthwhile.

Ireland won 5-0 against Liechtenstein in Vaduz, but Macedonia will provide more unpredictable opposition at Lansdowne Road.

McCarthy has refused to write off the Macedonians, saying: "I don't know very much about them. The only time I have been able to watch them was when they played leeland in a gale. Although they looked technically sound and hard-working. it was not a day to make con- yesterday. sidered judgements. But they drew in Iceland and beat Liechtenstein 3-0. So, for all I know, they could be real challengers."

With Roy Keane, Ray Houghton and Niall Quinn injured and unable to play. Mc-Carthy will not name his team until just before the kick-off. But Breen passed a fitness test on a sore shin and looks set to earn Under-21 coach, was satisfied to his eighth cap in the heart of defence. Quinn's absence has forced McCarthy to recall John Aldridge, who is the favourite

talising failure at Euro 96 would not be strictly true, for he donned a tartan scarf and sang

not involved in Scotland's tanhimself sore at all three games. Tonight, however, he will live out every fellow supporters' fantasy, spearheading the attack in the World Cup qualifier Since taking over from Jack Charlton, McCarthy has com-Shaw from Tallinn,

McGinlay gained the last of ago, only for the goals to dry up during Bolton's vain struggle for Premiership survival, Gordon Duric hit a scoring streak to take his place in the squad for the European finals, but the 32year-old from Fort William is

Estonia Under-21

Scotland Under-21

Scotland secured their first win

of the European Under-21

Championship campaign thanks

to a goal from Jim Hamilton at

the Kadriorg stadium in Tallinn

Dundee striker whose 31st-

minute header broke Scotland's

scoring duck in their third lixture.

suffered a shoulder injury after

colliding with team-mate Gary

Naysmith. "I've taken a hang on

the shoulder, but it is not dislo-

see his side claim their first win.

but said: "We did not do enough

Tommy Craig, the Scotland

cated, just sore," he said.

However, Hamilton, the

back in favour for the match in the Kadriorg Stadium. and rates Stuart McCall (ham-string) as "only 50-50", is less easy to call.

Craig Brown, who called up McGinlay only after Kevin Gallacher dropped out of the Baltic trip last Thursday, is now looking to him as the specialist finisher to unlock Estonia's ultradefensive formation. The Bolton forward - five goals this season and three for his country - is preferred to Dougie Freedman on the grounds of experience.

Billy Dodds, the Premier Division's top scorer with 14 goals. starts an international for the first time, with Darren Jackson either completing a three-man strikeforce or playing off the front. Midfield, where Brown has lost Gary McAllister (suspended)

Scotland secure first victory

Hibernian, and Craig brought

in three players after the goal-

less draw in Latvia on Sunday.

Gary Teale, Stuart Mc-Cluskey and Lee McCulloch all

made their first international

starts as Greg Shields and Paul Bonar joined Harper on the

Scotland's victory was marred

by the fact they will be without

their captain, Charlie Miller of

Rangers, for the match against

Sweden next month after he in-

curred an early booking - his

Miller had shaken off a

knock to play, but was on the

receiving end of a hard 12th-

minute tackle by Aivar Priidel,

which earned the Estonian a booking from the Danish ref-

eree. Miller had to be carried

to the touchline for treatment,

Scotland were without the but within three minutes of re-

suspended Kevin Harper of turning, had himself been

second of the tournament.

McGinlay holds the key to Estonian fortress

John Collins, captain for the first time, is likely to be joined at the creative hub by Craig Burley, with Jackie McNamara replacing the latter at wing-back. If the Scots do not risk McCall, who has a Champions' League match for Rangers against Ajax next week, the remaining place lies between Paul Lambert, Scot Gemmill and Billy McKinlay.

Estonia regularly pull eight players back behind the ball, leaving a solitary nominal striker. In the circumstances, Brown will probably use just two out-andout defenders, with Derek Whyte set to step down.

shown the yellow card for a re-

venge foul on Priidel. Miller was

substituted in the 39th minute,

with Darren Dods taking over

Miller free-kick over the cross-

bar before Scotland finally

broke their scoring drought.

They forced a corner on the left and, when Rickie Gillies curled

over a cross. Hamilton had the

space to head home. He had

another half-chance moments

later, but was then on the re-

ceiving end of a heavy chal-

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SCOTLAND UNDER-21: Medicum; McClushey, Naysmith, Rousson, Dods, Ritchie, Teate, Gätes (Hichicaston, 78), Hamilton (Anthony, 51), Miller (Boner, 39), McCulloch, Substitutes not used; Germaine, Laucilan.

Paul Ritchie had headed a

in successive Group Four matches was for the mildest dissent in Latvia. Given the choice, Cardiff threaten

to sue City Samesh Kumar, the Cardiff City chairman, has threatened to take Manchester City to court if his club does not receive compensation for the loss of their manager, Phil Neal. Kumar said that his argument

is not with Neal but with Francis Lee, the Manchester City chairman, because nobody from Manchester City had contacted him. "I don't know what the situation is because nobody from Manchester has had the courtesy to tell me." he said. Barry Hearn has put

£500,000 of shares in Leyton Orient up for sale in an attempt to improve the club's fortunes. Season-ticket holders and existing shareholders will have the chance to buy between 100 and 50.000 shares for £1 each. Hearn wants to raise money to strengthen the squad and develop the ground.

them again." pared with the Scots' 28, promis-Scouland's other concern, es a "very offensive" approach. His players must not interpret apart from meeting Estonia on those words too literally in view the back of their first win in 22 of the fate which befell Mccompetitive games, 1-0 against Belarus, is the standard of the Allister, whose second caution floodlighting at a venue better

Scotland have lost only two of the 16 competitive away fixtures without his playmaker in Tallinn

suited to the Highland League

than the World Cup. The Lirx-

match at Old Trafford on Saturday. It was in a tackle by the tough defender in last Saturday's reserve game at Anfield left the United striker Andy Cole with a broken right ankle and a

cracked bone in his left leg. Ruddock, who is line to replace the injured Dominic Matteo this weekend, insists there was no malice in his challenge and says be asked Cole if he was all right. Cole, who faces a threemonth lay-off, disagrees with

Ruddock's version of events. He expressed disappointment at Ruddock's assertion that there was no ill feeling and that the defender had spoken to him when he was on the ground. Cole said: "He didn't. I have had whatsoever." Ruddock is reported as say-

thought I had a chance of getting the ball so I slid in." An X-ray revealed that the cracked bone in Cole's left leg may have been an old injury al-

in two places. make Chelsea's midfielder Gavin Peacock his first signing as manager of Queen's Park Rangers. Houston wants experienced players to bolster his young side and has been told by the club's new

owner, Chris Wright, that he has £6m to spend, Peacock is keen to move on kie problems and the from Chelsea, having been left ous kneer minimum parbehind by Rund Guilli's revo-pressions.

pressed to raise the matter. whereupon he was assured that bulbs of the requisite wattage were on their way from Finland. But Brown, aware that the game will not finish until 8.30pm local time, had his fears confirmed by a light-meter reading after yesterday's Under-21 match and made it clear that Scotland will play under protest. All the same, their qualifying prospects ought to be illuminated by timee more points.

SCOTLAND by Estudia, Morté Cup qualifying Bross Foux, Tellina, today, proballe, 3-8-4-27.

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### Ruddock's Old Trafford problem

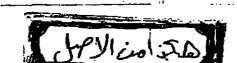
Neil Ruddock can expect a no contact with Neil Ruddock lution, and is thinking over a at all. He never said anything to hostile reception from Manturn to Queen's Park Range chester United fans if he plays me after the game, nothing in Liverpool's Premiership

where he started his caree Preston, of the Second sion, have broken their tra ing: "There was certainly no record to sign the fo malice in my challenge. I Bolton and Notts County er David Reeves from Co for £300,000, with the 22 old forward Allan Smart

ing in the opposite direct Aston Villa's goalke though his right ankle is broken Stewart Houston is likely to

Mark Bosnich, is standing make his first appearance season tonight following problems. The Austral ternational, who has not since the final match of la son, is set to play for the r against Coventry City view to making a Premier turn at Spurs on Saturd

Bosnich suffered rib



H. Prais PHY INDEPEND

because Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the RFU executive committee and a key figure in the talks because of the grass roots support he has, had to fly back to lialy yesterday. The RFU president, John Richardson, was threafore forced to call the property of the line of t

throughout whole thing off and that has left hand then he the proposed clubs' breakaway water dust is Friday.

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The showdown between Britain's the national champion, Mike Lennon, and Italy's Giorgio Zucni les sei in the Melges 24 European yesterday as the breeze in the manual Mediterranean faltered and died. Lennon, winner of the Cowes

Week series, and Zuccoli, winmer at Kiel, Germany, are com-Sill'S Vilipeting for top points and the chance of representing Europe at the Key West Regatta in Florida next January.

The event, in a class which

has taken over as the Europe-tralian has taken over as the Europe-prite first choice of sports boat, 1730. Has attracted 47 boats from 10 petition that is highly professional

The Olympic silver medallists, John Merricks and Ian Walker, are using it as part of their transition from dinghies to keelboats. They also hope to be in Britain's Admiral's Cup team next year, probably in a Munim 36.

"Everything depends on whether the 470 dingly stays in the Olympics," Walker said. . .... We have put a helluya lot of pork into that and would sail toworld Championships in Israel next August."

### Peace talks are called off again Rugby Union Rughy David Lewelly DAVID LEWELLYN unresolved, the naming of Will Carling's successor as England

captain, expected to be

Peace in rugby's tiresome, yearlong of Kurd English Prolong row took a backward step
long row took a backward step
last night with the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs
accusing Twickenham of scuppering the latest round of talks
before they had taken place.

An agenda had been Lawrence Dallagho, has been delayed. It had been hoped to reveal the identity of the new captain yesterday, but the an-nouncement now looks likely to be put on hold.

An Epruc spokesman said An agenda had been threshed out at a meeting on the leaful threshed out at a meeting on the leaful threshed out at a meeting on the leaful threshed last night: "We are obviously upset and confused that the RFU have not gone ahead with the planned meeting. We have pro-posed that we meet with their Union and Epruc for a summit scheduled for today at a secret location. It was hoped that a solution to the whole sorry mess that is the professional era would then be sorted out.

But yesterday it emerged that the RFU had been forced to call off the meeting at the last minute because Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the RFU executive comteam without Cliff Brittle and do as much work as we can but we have not had a response from the president." Sources within Twickenham

last night stressed that they were trying to find an alternative date and time, preferably this week, for them to get round the table. An RFU source even said that the meeting originally scheduled for yesterday had been called off by Epruc. Whenever the two sides do manage to get together for what is regarded as the meeting to end all meetings the general perception is that it should be the final round and a decision will emerge.

It is a pity, since this is after

parties involved in these criti-cal talks were unable to put aside the rest of their lives for this one, crucial week in the history of a proud game and help resolve the affair.

The threat of a breakaway is particularly galling to followers of the game at a time when the old divide had finally been bridged. Proof of that came with the news that Richmond's Jim Fallon, the former Leeds wing, has become the first player who has switched from league to union to be called into the England squad for today's training session at Bisham Abbey.

Fallon, who won four Engl A caps while he was with Bath, switched codes in 1992, but then rejoined the 15-a-side game during the summer when the Second Division chib Richmond began their massive re-cruiting drive.

Fallon is among a handful of players to have been drafted in at short notice to the squad, which has been hit by injury. The party now totals more than 50 with Wasps' Damian Hopley, Mark Mapleton of Gloncester, the Sale centre Jos Baxendell and the Richmond loose forward Rob Leach being added to the 47-strong squad.

### Morley moves to 'top team'

Rugby League DAVID HADFIELD reports from Auckland

The Great Britain coach, Phil Larder, has given the side who thrashed Fiji a vote of confi-dence by selecting it en bloc for the first game of the New Zealand leg of the tour - with the significant addition of one of the squad's brightest young

The same 13 that accounted for the Fijians will start the match against a Lion Red Cup XIII at Carlaw Park in Auckland tomorrow night.

said. But I have spelt it out to the players that I don't want any freewheeling. Their performance in Fiji have earned them a shirt on Thursday; it is what they do then that decides whether they get a Test shirt next Friday.

If the players corrently in favour need reminding of the potential challengers on their heels, they should look no further than tomorrow night's bench with the 19-year-old Leeds forward, Adrian Morley,

awaiting his turn.
"It will do him the world of good to play in senior company," Larder said. "Players learn as much on tour from other players as they do from the coaches and Adrian has the ability to really

supporter in the tour manager, Phil Lowe, himself one of Great Britain's finest second-rowers

since the war. \*He has got every attribute you need for the position, Lowe said. "He's already a better player than I was, because defensively he is one of the best players we've got here with

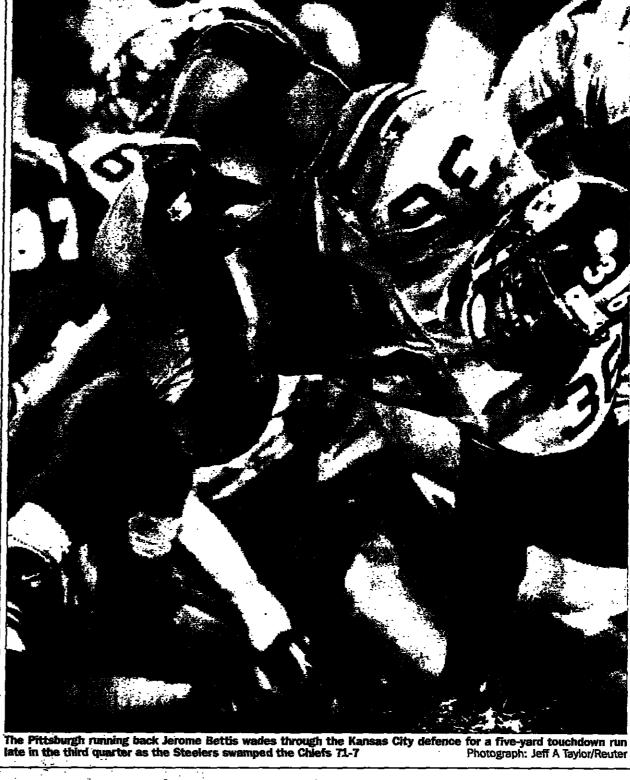
Moriev said: "Td rather be starting than on the beach, but if I have to be on the bench at the moment, I'd rather it was with the top team." The other change to the line-

up that won so handsomely in lett among the substitutes. Larder's only doubt in an usually healthy squad for this stage of a tour is Bobbie Goulding. Goulding was on crutches vesterday because of a swollen foot, but is expected to be fit to

The opposition, from New Zealand's domestic competition, is largely an unknown quantity, although the captain, Tilkere Barlow, played for Warrington and the vice-captain, David Bai-ley, for Wakefield Trinity.

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GREAU BRIGAIN (v Lion Red Cup XIII, Carlaw Park, Audidaed, tomorrow): Spruce (Bradford); Hunte (St Heiens), Radinati (Wigan), Powell (Heighley), Sulfivan (St Heiens); Broadbart (Sheffield), Gunningham (St Heiens), BicChambott (Bradford), Betts (Audderd), Scattharpe (Vierringon), Farrel (Wigan, capt), Substitutes: Tollett (Lordon Broncool, Marrier (Lead), Camelor (Wistingon), Farrel (Wigan, capt), Substitutes: Tollett (Lordon Broncool, Marrier (Lead), Camelor (Wistingon) s), Morley (Leads), Ca become a quality player.



late in the third quarter as the Steelers swamped the Chiefs 71-7

The British Athletic Federation has received an assurance over the new national stadium which could be unveiled next month. Athletics officials feared that

reluctance on the part of the football authorities to incorporate a running track into the 80,000seater scheme, would mean that their sport would effectively be sout out. But the Sports Council. which is choosing between Wembley and Manchester as the location, has made it clear that £100m of National Lottery money could not back what would essentially be a single-sport

The BAF will now renew its bid to host the World Championships for the first time in 2001 or 2003. Tony Ward, a BAF spokesman, said: "We could

not imagine a national stadium ve deed lynd-cendir thinking. All the top venues now are multi-purpose. Every major stadium on the Continent has a track around it."

The stadium, which is nearly a year behind schedule because of protracted negotiations, will also host rugby league. Sir Rodney Walker, chairman

of the Sports Council, said: "We are determined to make this the best in the world and that includes for athletics.

"We are conscious it has taken far longer than anticipated, but we are getting to the final stages of negotiations and they should be complete in the next week or two, enabling us to make a decision before Christmas."

The council also dismissed a report that Greenwich in south London is also being considered,

### BAF fears dispelled Rider's cancer fight

Lance Armstrong admitted yesterday that the has cancer and is having chemotherapy to try to control the spread of the dis-

The 25-year-old American former world champion said he had a malignant tumour on a testicle and had it removed the day after it was discovered.

Armstrong, who has with-drawn from the forthcoming World Road Championships in Switzerland, joined the French team, Cofidis, last month and said he had no plans to retire, although he admitted he was

stunned by the news. He said that the cancer had spread to some parts of his abdomen and the resulting chance of a cure was rated at 65 per cent to 85 per cent. "The doc-

tors always give a worst-case seenario, but I am relying on the 10 move rugby league to the iact that I am world-class at

lete," Armstrong said. "I am preparing for this battle. I am in the best shape of my life. I am making plans for what I am going to do 20 to 30 years from now."

Two of Ireland's greatest cyclists, Stephen Roche and Scan Kelly, are backing their country's attempt to stage part of the 1998 Tour de France. The Irish government yesterday agreed to provide the £2m of state funding needed to host the official start of the Tour. It is planned to bring the race - won by Roche in 1987 - to Ireland for four days when a time trial through Dublin and a further two stages will be held. The Irish government is now waiting a formal decision on their bid from

the Société de Tour de France.

### **Yorkshire** urged to stay by landlords

Cricket

The veteran umpire Dickie Bird vesterday welcomed Yorkshire's decision to leave Headingley, although the owners of the famous Test ground are still hoping to persuade the county not to make their proposed move to a £50m complex at Wakefield.

Bird, who was born in Barns ley and retired this summer as Test umpire, said: "You have to live with the times and I think it's a good thing. I have seen the plans and they are magnificent." However, he could not resist

recalling fond memories as a speciator, young player and umpire. "It's a sad day, Headingley is the venue of legends. It is steeped in history and tradition. Yorkshire, currently tenants at their Leeds base, are looking to be installed in the 25,000-capacity stadium, which will also include five practice pitches, a cricket academy, museum, railway station, marina and hotel, by the year 2000,

Yorkshire's general committee voted unanimously for the move after relecting options of buying and redeveloping Headingley or moving to a green-field site near Garforth, north-east of Leeds.

Yorkshire's landlords, Leeds Cricket, Football and Athletic Company, said yesterday: "We were disappointed with the Yorkshire statement at their press conference of their inlention to leave Headingley.

"We believe there is a long way to go before their move becomes a reality and we will continue in our attempts to convince them to remain at Headingley. "We were disappointed not to

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be informed of their press statement and we believe that we had an agreement that they would keep us informed of their intentions via our joint committee. The future of Headingley

cricket and rugby grounds is now in limbo, with a proposed takeover of the rugby league club also due to be finalised this month. One of the bidders is the Caspian Group, which owns the Premiership football club Leeds United and is planning football club's ground. Elland Road, but the company has so far declined to make any comment on Yorkshire's decision.

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The amount in pounds that the Real Madrid footballer Raul Gonzalez has insured his legs for. The 19-year-old striker is expected to make his debut for Spain in the World Cup qualifier against the Czech Republic in Prague today.

#### **Oldham Bears' future in doubt**

**Rugby League** 

New fears for the future of Oldham Bears surfaced yesterday when shareholders were warned that the Super League chib will fold without increased income from gate receipts and commercial activities.

Accounts to 31 May 1995 revealed a balance sheet deficit of £1,037,323 and a deficit of

Shareholders have been called to an extraordinary general meeting on 30 October. Shareholders received the that the club's Watersheddings ground will be demolished before Christmas and the Bears

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news only days after learning will share Oldham Athletic's football ground next season.

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V Cardiff (7.15).
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SUDWESSER LEAGUE: Crystal Poince v Mea-chester Gents (8.0); Leicester Riders v Wor-ming Beams (8.0); Sheffield Sheffe v Chester, Jets (7.45).

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American Football

Athletics Jorethen Edwards, in second place in the triple jump, and Denise Lewis, sec-ond in the heptathlon, head 23 British

Worthing Bears have signed the American forward Shawn Graham as replacement for their South Africances Devid Unische, A work permit has been secured for 6ft 7in Graham and

three to four. Aravinda da Silva, the Sri Lankan batsmen, will play for the Auckland provin-cial team in the 1996-97 Shell Cup

limited-overs competition, which begins on 6 December.

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The Affred Dunhill Cup team golf event is likely to stay at St Andrews for another three years despite numours that this week's championship oould be the last. Reports last year that this week's event, which has attracted world No 1 Greg Norman, Colin Mortigomenie, Nick Greg Norman, Colin Mortgomerie, Nick Price and Ernie Els, could be the last, stemmed from dissatisfaction about the sucrimed from descrizations about the bad weather that has often affected St. Andrews in October, Next year's date would also be in October because of the Ryder Cup in Spain late in Sep-tember, but from 1998, a move to late

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Rugby Union Demian Hopley, the England three-quar-ter, plays his first match of the season after recovering from a knee operation when he faces his former university, Cembridge, in a friendly for Wasps at Sudbury tonight. Hopley was excluded from the latest England squad because of his injury, but hopes to be restored for a squad work-out later this month.

Seat Ainslie, the Laser silver medalist in the Olympic Games at Sevenneh, was presented with the Endeavour prize by Str Peter Blake at the Marine Industry's British Nauticel Awards in London last night. The gold medal paralympic team of Andy Cassell, Neven Curtis and Tony Downs took the Saliability award and the Yacht of the Year was Peter Polision's. Hunter 707.

Squassin
Peter Marshall, the former World No 2, is attempting a comeback in the SRA National League this autumn after being out for most of the past 18 months with chronic fatigue syndrome. The 25-year-old from Nottingham will begin to rebuild an outstanding career by playing for the Herborishire club Broabourne.

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Tennis

A ragging knee Injury has forced Stefin Graf to withdraw from next week's European indoor championship in Zurich.
The joint world No 1 strained a tendon
in her left knee last week during a tournament in Leipzig. She withdraw just
hours before a semi-final meeting with
fellow German Anke Huber. It is the
fourth consecutive year in which Graf
has pulled out of this tournament. Monica Seles, who shares the world No 1
spot, is already out with shoulder and
innee problems.

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CA TROPHY MEN'S TOURNAMENT (Vientta) First round: T Entriest (Sue!) Iz A Be-rasmegui (Sp) 6-0 6-4; A Mechedev (Ukr) Izt A Gaudenzi (Italy) 6-3 6-4. LTA AUTUMN MASTERS SATELLITE

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#### Fiona Geaves and Linda Char-Misha Jehangir 9-5 9-3 9-3.

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man led an English charge in the first round of the Perrier Women's World Open Championship in Malaysia yesterday. Geaves, the ninth seed, and Charman, seeded 15th, produced 19-minute victories over America's Amy Milanek and Louise Finnegan, of Ireland,

respectively.
Other English players were not far behind as Sue Wright, seeded seventh, needed just 20 mimites to polish off the Asian champion, Siu Lynn Leong, of Malaysia while the British champion. Suzanne Horner, seeded

**English advance with haste** third, was only on court for 23 minutes as she defeated India's

Tracey Shenton, the 19 year old British junior champion. cased past Japan's Yuko Kimu-ra 9-6 9-6 9-3, with fourth seed Cassie Jackman also chalking up a straight-sets win over Australia's Janine Hickey. The toughest fight for the English players was for Rebecca

Macree, who needed almost an hour to beat Kate Major of Australia, in four sets. Scotland's two representatives, Senga MacFie and Claire Waddell lost to Ellie Pierce, of the US, and Australia's Vicki Cardwell respectively.



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Scotland's inspiration

WORLD CUP FOOTBALL: Coach warns against any complacency at Wembley even though Poland appear to be in disarray

### Gascoigne poised to banish demons

### Hoddle has the luxury of choice

**GLENN MOORE** 

Football Correspondent

Send in the clowns? No, just the comic genius himself. That means Paul Gascoigne rather than David Baddiel or Frank Skinner, who will be preceding him on to the Wembley turf

Gascoigne, now fit and as full of desire as ever, remains the central figure in England's football more than six years after he rose to prominence in Italy. Tonight, against England's onetime nemesis Poland, he can steer his country past the second hurdle on the way to France and the 1998 World Cup. Poland are riven by feuds, low

in confidence and thin in quality. England should win with ease. Even Glenn Hoddle, seeking, like all England managers, to build up the opposition. could only say of them that they were "difficult

to beat". **But England** should not be complacent. Though few of the players are old enough to remember clearly "clown" as Bri-Clough christened Jan Tomaszewski.

Polish

all will be aware of the goalkeeper whose

Wembley per- changing his formance denied England a previously gospel 3-5-2 forma-tion. If so, he could withdraw World Cup place 23 years ago. Hoddle himself was an apprentice at Tottenham then, just 10 days short of his 16th birthday. As he walks out for his first Wembley match as the England coach tonight, he may prefer to recall another match, surprisingly the only one he played against Poland, 13 years later. On a hot afternoon in Monterrey, England won 3-0 to revive their Mexico World Cup

His counterpart tonight has less happy memories of that day. er seems his role - Beckham manager of Poland then and he has only recently regained the job. He inherited a team which is a pale shadow of the side he steered to third in the 1982 World Cup. The heirs to Zbigniew Boniek, Grzegorz Lato and Wladislaw Zmuda are few

and far between. The leading pretender to their crown, Borussia Mönchengladbach's Andrzej Juskowiak, refuses to play. The goalkeepers, while not clowns. are engaged in a black comedy of their own. Both Andrzej Wozniak, Victor Baia's successor at Porto, and Maciej Szczesny insist that, if they are not the chosen as No 1, they will refuse to play again.

However, as he prepares to exchange pennants. Alan Shearer may recall last season's Champions' League. His Blackburn side were beaten and held at home by Legia Warsaw, while Krzysztof Warzycha scored the Panathinaikos goal that beat Ajax in the first leg of the semi-final.

The identity of Shearer's partner will be the main source of interest when Glenn Hoddle names his team shortly before kick-off. That, and his reaction to Steve McManaman's return

Hoddle has a rare luxury, for an England coach, of being able to name an unchanged team if he wants. Yet, although England played well enough in Moldova, he is unlikely to do so. While Nick Barmby may retain his place as Shearer's partner, McManaman must be incorlem is that the midfield trio of

Paul Ince and v Poland David Beckham looked good in Chisinau. The first two places are inviolate, while Beckham's promise promotes his retention. There

several other options. Hoddle bas been wondering aloud about

Gary Neville to right-back, play either Stuart Pearce or Andy Hinchcliffe at left-back, (dropping the other) and let McManaman roam the flanks. He could stick with a three and simply replace Hinchcliffe with McManaman. Or he could use Neville in a three, drop Pearce and let McManaman play on the

Then there is Matt Le Tissier. Will he play? If so where? Midfield, rather than second strik-

With Beckham still returning to fitness Barmby - a "clever player' said Hoddle - may see off Les Ferdinand although. as the Newcastle partnership develops, Ferdinand's case for inclusion will surely be strengthened.

Hoddle will be having a quiet word before the game about discipline. The bookings are going to add up, as Scotland without Gary McAllister in Estonia tonight - and Wales. who missed Ryan Giggs through suspension on Saturday and lose Mark Hughes next month, have already found. England had Pearce and Ince cautioned in Moldova, and Hoddle said: "Bookings

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tice examinations (5)

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But it is not the cause of



preparation for tonight's World Cup qualifier at Wembley against Poland

look at where they are incurred - there is no threat on

the half-way line. "The changes have been made for the right reasons. At times referees can go a bit overboard, a bit of common sense is required, but players and managers have to look at

St. Paul a-playing instru-ment that is flat (7)

Infinite ambition lacking

Sun coming out finished

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close (5)

are inevitable but we have to themselves as well as referees." it. You want the supporters with be on the receiving end of a game when, if it isn't going tackles tonight. "They are a very disciplined, hard side." Hoddle said. "They look to hit people on the break. A point

will be a good result for them. "If there is frustration, the players will have to deal with

England are more likely to you but there comes a time in well you have to be strong enough to switch off [from the crowd]. You have to cocoon yourself and keep focused on the things that will get you the

It may take time but, in

front of a lively full house, England should get that result, with Gascoigne the most likely

provider. POLAND (possible: 1-3-5-1): Worshak (Porto, Port) Zielinski (Legia Warsawi): Wegizym (GKS katowoc). Jozekski (Giungamp, Fr), Wojsta-ia (Widzew Lodz): Michaelski (Widzew Lodz). Strzeczek (PC Tyrol, Aut). Nowski (Munich 1980, Gar), Citina (Wicnew Lodz), Heijin (Gorik

### **Vogts wants end to Bundesliga break**

Berti Vogts, who is facing a World Cup qualifier in Arme-nia without seven key players, yesterday called for the Bundesliga to scrap its two-month winter break.

"Since we've had the winter break we've had injury problems because we force the players to play every three or four days." the German coach said in Yerevan on the eve of today's match. the first in Germany's cam-

paign.
"The fact is, the players get less and less time to regenerate," he said. "That makes them more vulnerable to injury. We are the only major soccer federation that takes two

Vogts's predecessor as coach, the Bayern Munich president. Franz Beckenbauer, supported Vogts. "We just can't afford to have five months off altogether, and get the the players fit from scratch twice over," he

Germany's league programme is fairly compact compared to other major European leagues. An 18-team First Division means a programme of just 34 league matches, coupled with a much less arduous Cup schedule than in, say, England.

For this reason many of Germany's league clubs have also begun to think the break from mid-December to mid-February, introduced in 1986-87, is counter-productive.

are those who have to play in European competitions at a time when the players may not have seen league action for

several weeks. The Blackburn Rovers defender Henning Berg has flown out for World Cup duty just hours after becoming the father of a baby son. Berg joins the Norwegian squad in time for to-day's European Group Three qualifier against Hungary after shaking off the effects of a virus intection.

Berg, who missed Blackburn's last Premiership game at Coventry, should be back in the running for this Saturday's home match with Arsenal.

Manchester United's Czech Republic player, Karel Poborsky, has admitted the Euro 96 finalists cannot afford to lose tonight's qualifying game with Spain in Prague.

Both sides opened their European Group Six campaigns last month with high-scoring victories over the two weakest teams in the group, with Spain beating the Faroe Islands 6-2 and the Republic thrashing Malta 6-0.

However, Yugoslavia have already collected three wins and Slovakia two against the same teams, putting pressure on both the Czechs and Spain to pull off

performances during the summer for the Czechs, said: "Spain are explosive and technically very sound. This game's made all the more important because a loss will make it a difficult trip

for either side." However, Liverpool's inform striker Patrik Berger believes the Czechs have nothing to fear. He said: "Spain is obviously a strong team but we showed in London that we can play anybody."
The Czech Republic coach,

Dusan Uhrin, has named 16 of the 19-strong squad which Causai a Surprise in June, while Spain's manager, Javier Clemente, has finally decided to hand a debut to teenage striking sensation Raul Gonzalez in a bid to add much-needed fire-

The 19-year-old, who scored twice against the Czechs in the quarter-finals of last season's European Under-21 competition, is Real Madrid's top scorer despite being moved into a supporting role by the new

coach, Fabio Capello. Clemente, who has dropped veteran forward Julio Salinas while Kiko Narvaez is injured, admitted: "There are some players absent, so it's the right

moment to pick Raul."

Jose Luis Caminero is fit and is expected to be given the Poborsky, signed by Alex role of playmaker in the start-ferguson from Slavia Prague for ing line-up.

### Young son helps Ince to grow up

Glenn Moore on the transformation of one of England's headless chickens

To rework a dated cliche, it increasingly appears that behind every successfully maturing footballer is a gurgling baby. Regan Gascoigne is the latest catalyst, but before him there

was Thomas Ince.
Thomas is now well past the nappy-changing stage; he is four years old but he remains one of the reasons why his father, Paul, has changed from being an argumentative head-less chicken" to a more thoughtfully combative force.

The other factor is la dolce vita. A possibly reluctant émigré, Ince has warmed to life by the banks of Lake Como. Off the pitch he has become interested in Italian wine (though, only, like the locals, in moderation), on it he has learned to temper his aggression with

patience. Having been one of the dominant figures in England's Euro campaign, Ince prepares for tonight's World Cup qualifying match with Poland at Wembley as one of the few players sure of a regular place. Like Terry him, Glen Hod-

has settled me down the ball simply and accurately, and who usual learned to appreciate when to tackle and when to stand off, the higher he has gone," the England coach said. "From stepping into European football with Man-

defensively in the Premiership you cannot do at this level." Hoddle was referring to Ince's old habit of stretching for the 40-60 loose ball with studs showing. In the maelstrom of English football that was fine, in Europe, to quote Hoddle again, "they played the ball around him". And when Ince ens". The repetition rais did catch them he was usually smile now from Incc. where penalised or cautioned by referees unaccustomed to a snari. "We've come a long war more physical game.

chester United, and now playing

regularly at club and interna-

tional level he has realised that

some of the things he could do

"It's not easy the way I play always in the thick of things. There's always little niggly things going on, but the older you get, the more you learn to take it. I feel more in control. l haven't noticed the changes in my game that much, but people who watch me from the stands been able the spot them." What they

have seen is

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who can pass 1

Ince thus took a while to

Internazionale he may have

settle, and had it not been for

the arrival of Roy Hodgson at-

come home. Now he is a con-

vert. He talks enthusiastically of

the Italian way of warming up and warming down, even of the

two-day incarceration before

it's the best move I've ever made," he said after training at

Bisham Abbey. "I've next stopped learning. When I with

young I was a bit of a hot-head stupid sometimes. But since I've had a family, it's settled me

"I didn't really want to go but

Ince: "I was a bit of a hothead, but having a family

> ly bides his time before stic a foot in. There are still aberrations h was needlessly booked in Marra dova, but he is improving all thes time. The once ever-present digg sent is now rare, but he has men.

lost that edge to his game. "I will always be the player" am," he said. "I like to run abou\_ and set the pattern of the garage to make that first tackle."

It was his and others' running about in England's last mater against Poland that led Grahr Taylor to infamously describ a team as being "headless ch once might have provoked since then," he said.

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